JUMP COMICS

●驚異の冥凰島!! の巻●

宮下あきら

雨降りつづきだった夏も、いつのまにか終わってしまったようだ。
さぁ、いよいよ秋だ。食欲の秋、芸術の秋。秋は、いい。などと思っていると
また、どうもはっきりしない天気の連続。
いったい、どうなっているんだ!?
こんな状態のまま、いつのまにか冬になってしまうのだろうか? 寒い北風が吹いてくれてもいい。お天道様をまともにおがみたいと思っている次第だ。

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登場人物紹介

卍丸　蝙翔鬼　独眼鉄　男爵ディーノ

三号生筆頭
大豪院邪鬼

影慶　羅刹　センクウ

雷電　飛燕　月光

一号生筆頭
剣　桃太郎

伊達　虎丸　J　富樫

～前巻までのあらすじ～

男塾――全寮制、生徒数は、日本全国から三学年でおよそ三百名、それも傷害事件などを起こした連中ばかり…。塾長・江田島平八は、この荒くれ者たちに男塾独自のスパルタ教育をしていた。一号生筆頭・剣桃太郎はその中で実力を発揮、名実ともに、男塾一号生の中心となる。

その後、桃ら一号生は『驚嘆大四凶殺』、『大威撼八連制覇』といった死闘に次つぎと勝利。この二つの死闘により、男塾の結束は一層高まった。

その一か月後、天挑五輪大武會の使者が男塾にやってきた。その主催者、藤堂兵衛の非道ぶりを知った桃ら十六名は、藤堂を倒すため、この大武會に参加した。蝙翔鬼、独眼鉄を失いつつも決勝まで勝ちすすんだ男塾チームは、厳娜亜羅十六僧チームと対戦。颱眩法師との闘いで影慶を失った男塾チームは悲しみを超えて死闘に挑んだ…!!

魁!男塾

さきがけ おとこじゅく

第十四巻

もくじ

竜の咆哮!の巻……七
巌娜亜羅の大僧正!!の巻……二七
恐るべし潜敵陣!!の巻……四七
決着の瞬間!!の巻……六七
決勝リーグ進出!!の巻……八七
驚異の冥凰島!!の巻……一〇九
暗殺結社・宝竜黒蓮珠の巻……一二九
飛吊襲鎌槍!!の巻……一四九
快刀乱麻・赤石!の巻……一六九

IF THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ITEM, THEN STICK PASTE ON IT AND PUT IT ON.

I'M GIVING THIS BACK.

魁!!男塾

CHP. 133: ROAR OF THE DRAGON!

竜の咆哮！の巻

FINALLY I CAN USE THAT TECH-NIQUE.
YOU'RE A GREAT MAN, DATE...!!
竜の咆哮！の巻
CHP. 133: ROAR OF THE DRAGON!

FUFFUFFU: LET ME TELL YOU: THE ORIGIN OF MY NAME RYUUHOU .....!!

WH...WHAT---!? THAT RYUUHOU HAS TAKEN OUT SOME SOME BLACK POWDER-LIKE THING AND IS SWALLOWING IT---!

!!

"ZETTAI OUGI" = "ABSOLUTE SECRET" "HOURYUU KOUENTO" = "CANNON-OCARIN SPITTING FLAME ROAR"

GANDHARA ZETTAI OUGI: HOURYUU KOUENTO!!

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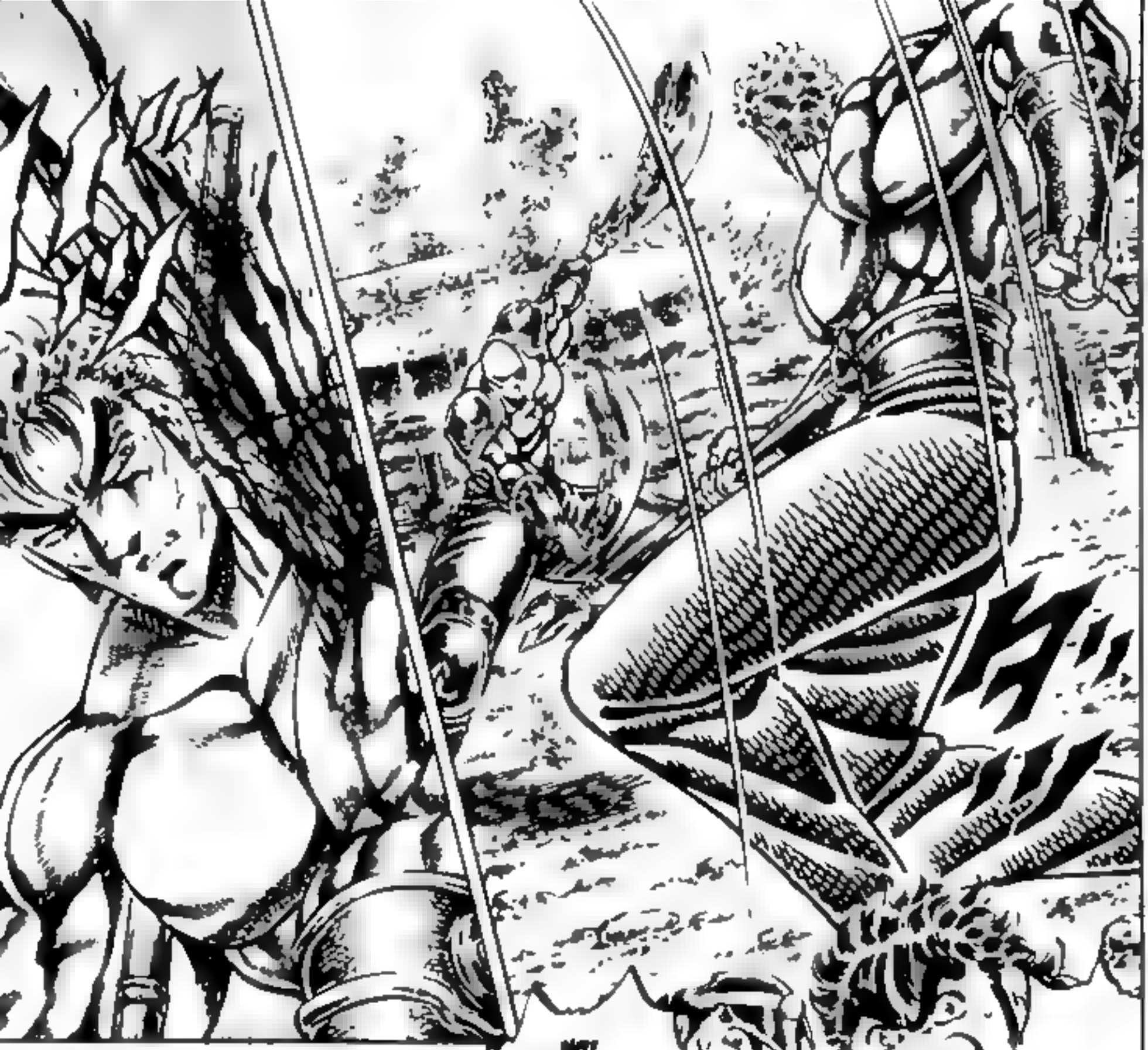

WH... WHAT---!! RYU...RYUUHOU SPIT OUT A FIREBALL FROM HIS MOUTH---!

DA... DATE ---!!

"RYUUHOU" TRANSLATES INTO "TREASURE OF THE DRAGON"

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"RANKE NANSOUHA" = "WESTERN-HOUSE, NANSOU (SOUTHERN SUNGS) SCHOOL"; "KOKUSAKUJIN" = "BLACK EXPLODING DUST"

HOURYUU KOUENTO...A SECRET TECHNIQUE SAID TO HAVE BEEN CREATED BY RANKE NANSOUHA, WHO WERE SAID TO BE HERETICS WITHIN CHINESE KENPOU. ITS CHARACTERISTIC IS THE INHALATION OF KOKUSAKUJIN AND SPITTING IT OUT WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, CREATING A SPARK BY DUAL BLADES ON BOTH SIDES IGNITING IT, FIRING OUT FLAMES. FURTHER, HIS IS A TECHNIQUE THAT INCLUDES AN ATTACK OF TWO SWORDS TO THE FALTERING OPPONENT. THE CRUCIAL POINT OF THIS TECHNIQUE IS TO HAVE A WONDERFUL LUNG CAPACITY; IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ACQUIRE IF YOU CAN'T PUT OUT THE FLAME OF A CANDLE THAT'S 10M AWAY IN ONE BREATH. KOKUSAKUJIN IS A NITROLIC-STYLE OF POWDERY GUNPOWDER; IT WON'T HARM THE BODY EVEN IF IT'S INHALED, BUT SINCE IT POSSESSES A PROPERTY OF IGNITING WITH A SMALL SHOCK, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE UTMOST CAUTION WHEN HANDLING IT.

—FROM "CHINESE KENPOU: AN INQUIRY ON FIRE", TAIKOUBOU BOOKS

HOW'S THAT: REALIZE THIS YOU CONCEITED FOOL---!!

GU!!

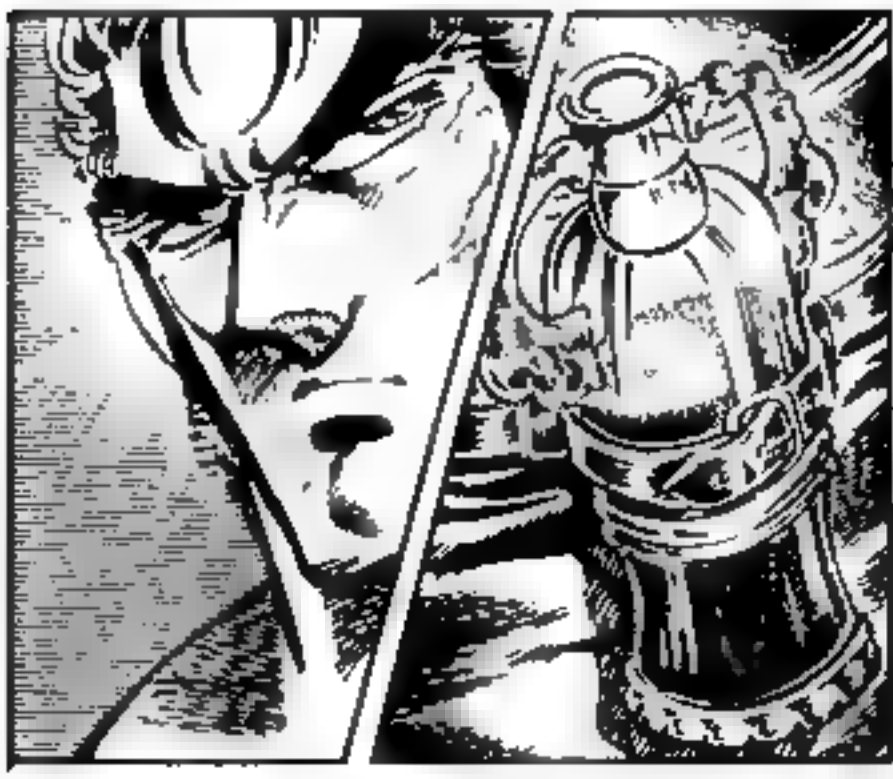
OOOH!! THIS IS PLEASANT, HOW PLEASAN--!
THIS WILL CLEAR UP A BIT OF MY ANGER AND HUMILIATION.

WITH THAT BLEEDING, NOW YOU'RE USING ALL YOUR MIGHT FOR STAND-ING.....!!

FUFU, AT ANY RATE, I CAN SEE THIS IS MATCH.

HOWEVER, EVEN IF YOU HOPE THAT I'VE RUN OUT OF KOKU-SAKUJIN, IT'S USELESS: I HAVE PLENTY AS YOU CAN SEE.

FU, I'VE RUN OUT OF THE KOKU-SAKUJIN IN MY BODY .....!!



DIE ---!!

N...NO---!! DA...DATE WILL BE KILLED----!

HE'S...TAKING HIM FROM BEHIND--!! WH...WHY ISN'T DATE SETTING UP----!

HAA
HE PICKED UP THAT GUY'S TOPKNOT THAT HAD FALLEN TO THE GROUND AND THREW IT BETWEEN THE TWO BLADES, PREVENTING THE IGNITION OF THE SET-UP POWDER---!!
THAT'S... SKILLED, DA...DATE ---!!
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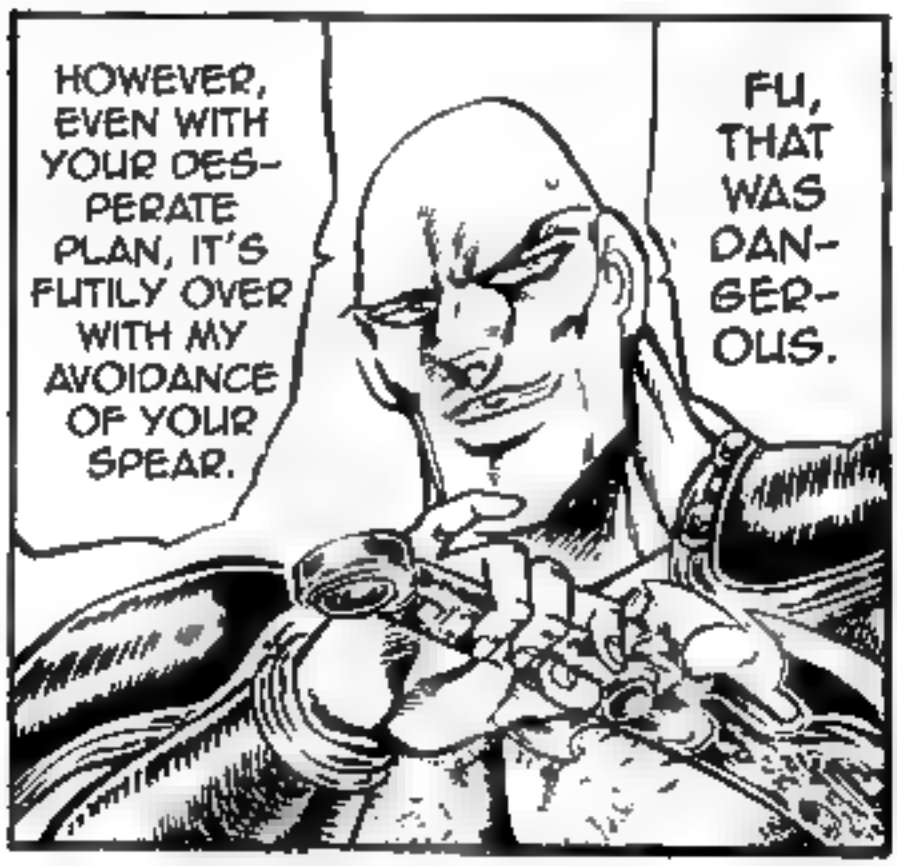
UH!!
NWO!!

HE...HE MOVED FROM DATE'S COMEBACK FROM DEATH BLOW!!
AAH, N...NO GOOD ---!!


HOWEVER, EVEN WITH YOUR DES-PERATE PLAN, IT'S FUTILY OVER WITH MY AVOIDANCE OF YOUR SPEAR.
FU, THAT WAS DAN-GER-OUS.

WHAT, AT MY FEET .....!?

YOU SHOULD LOOK DOWN AT YOUR FEET, RYUUHOU.
FUTILE...!? MY SPEAR NEVER MISSES THE GAME IT AIMS FOR.

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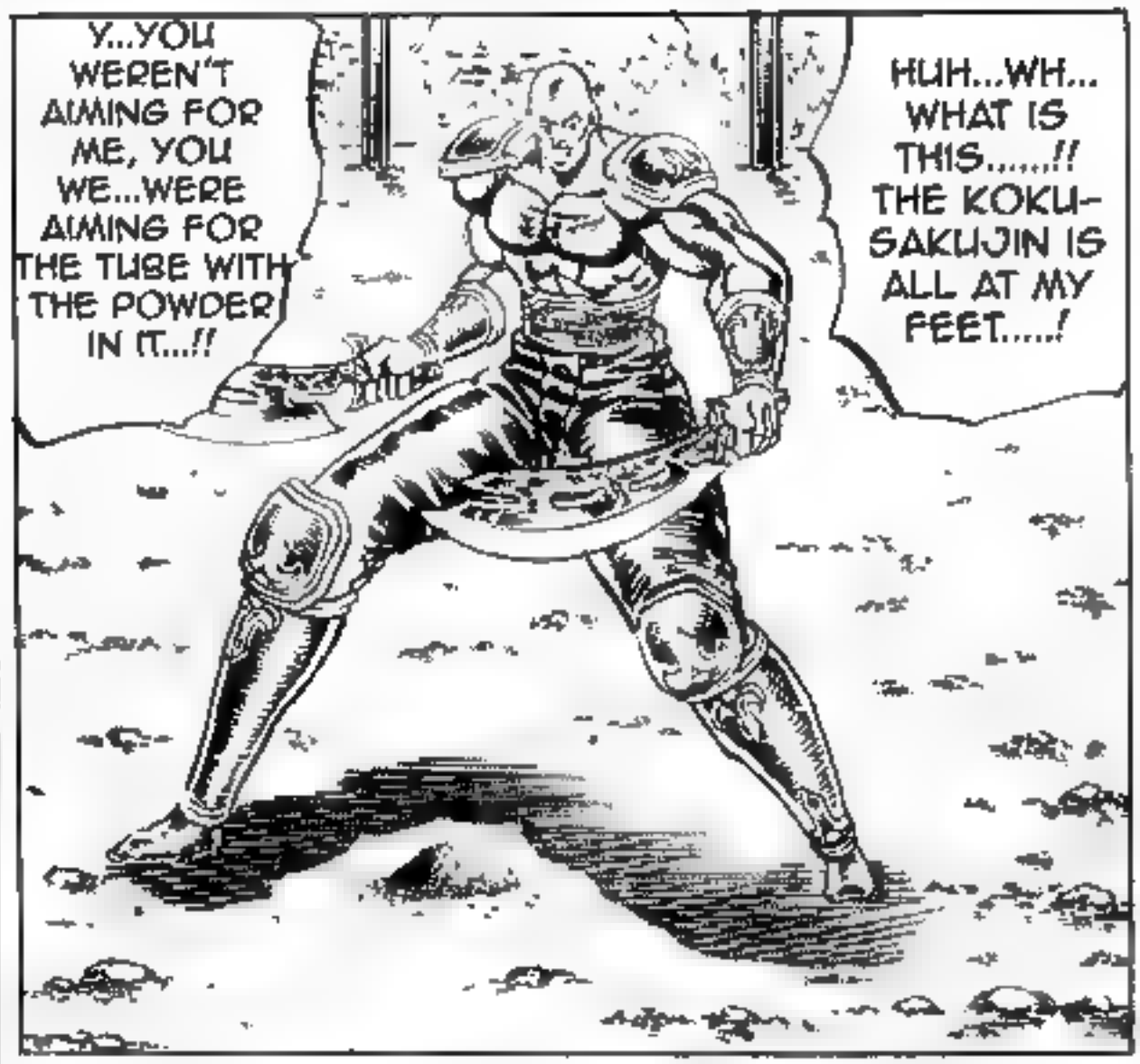
Y...YOU WEREN'T AIMING FOR ME, YOU WE...WERE AIMING FOR THE TUBE WITH THE POWDER IN IT...!!
HUH...WH... WHAT IS THIS.....!! THE KOKU-SAKUJIN IS ALL AT MY FEET.....!

FU... HOWEVER, THAT WAS FUTILE AS WELL!! THERE STILL REMAINS KOKUSAKU-JIN IN MY BODY THAT IS ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU DOWN NOW!
RIGHT YOU WERE GOING TO PREVENT MY ATTACK BY MAKING ME RUN OUT OF KOKU-SAKUJIN!!

ARE YOU RUNNING? THIS MATCH ISN'T OVER YET.
WH... WHERE ARE YOU GOING .....!?

IF THERE IS THAT MUCH KOKUSAKU-JIN GATHERED IN ONE PLACE, THAT'LL BE ENOUGH.
..... THE MATCH HAS ENDED.

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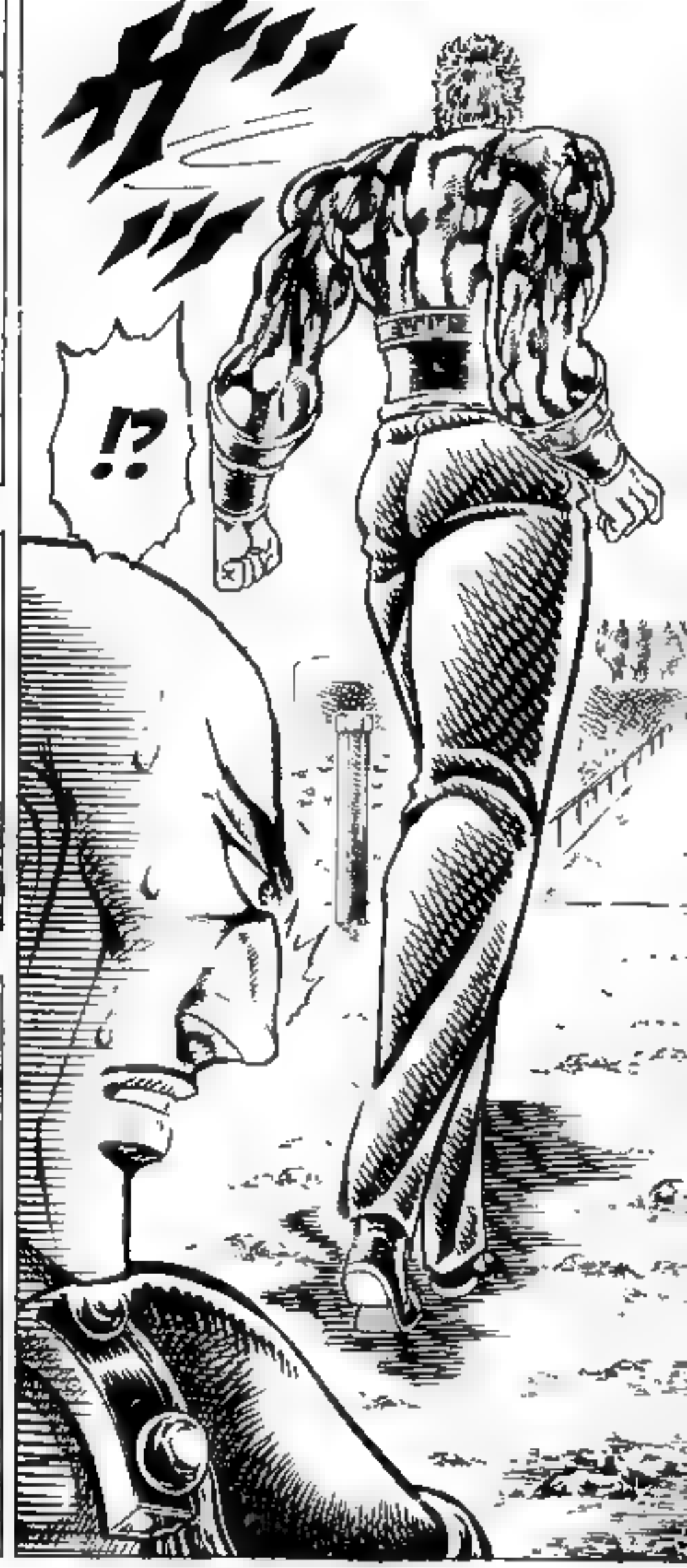
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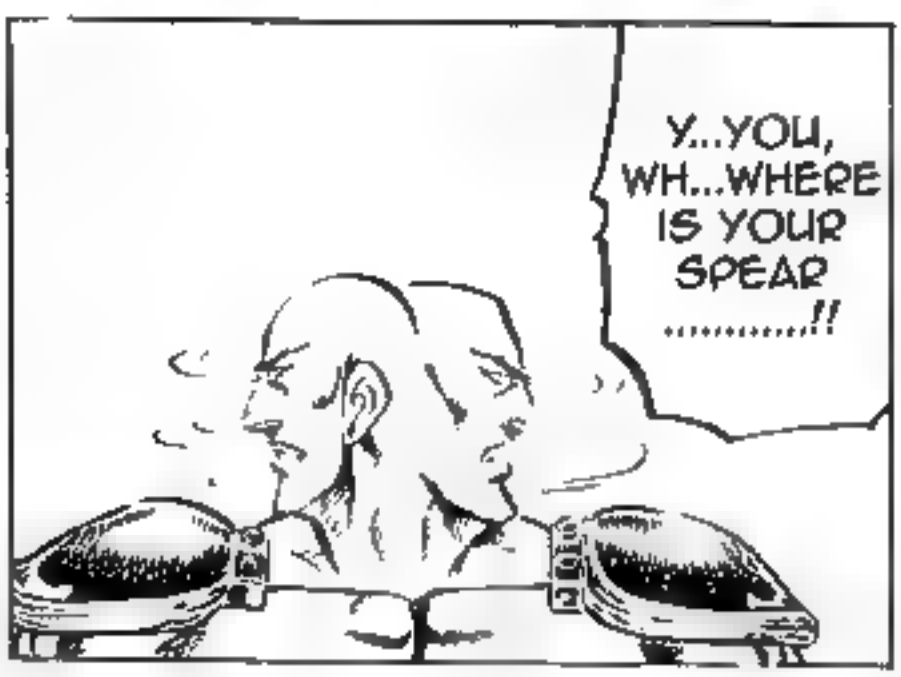
Y...YOU, WH...WHERE IS YOUR SPEAR .....!!

HUH !!

GU WA AA --!!

YOU CAN HAVE THE SPEAR: YOU CAN GIVE IT AS A PRESENT TO THE DEVIL IN HELL.

WHA!!

IF YOU WANT TO JUMP INTO THE SEA, IT'S OVER THERE.

HOO CCHI CHI CHI !!

厳娜亜羅の大僧正!!の巻

CHP. 134: THE HIGH PRIEST OF SANDHARA!!

CHP. 134: THE HIGH PRIEST OF GANDHARA!!
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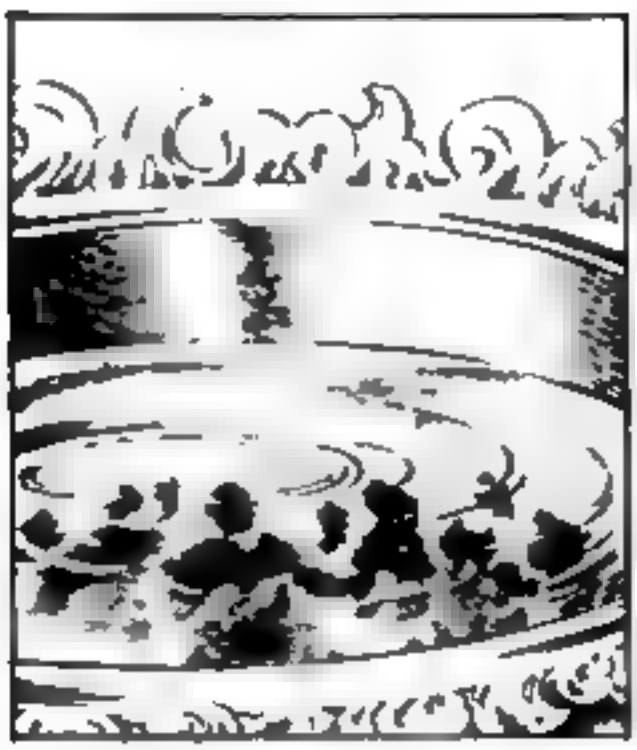
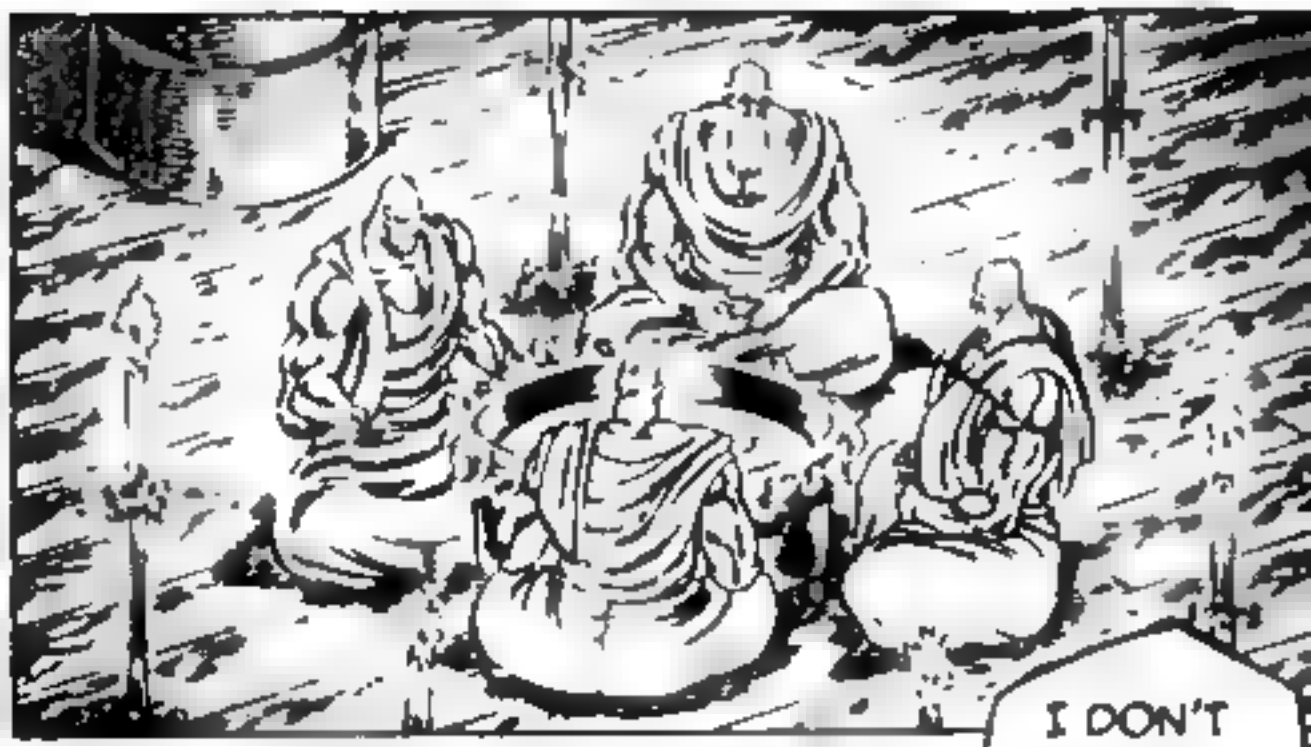
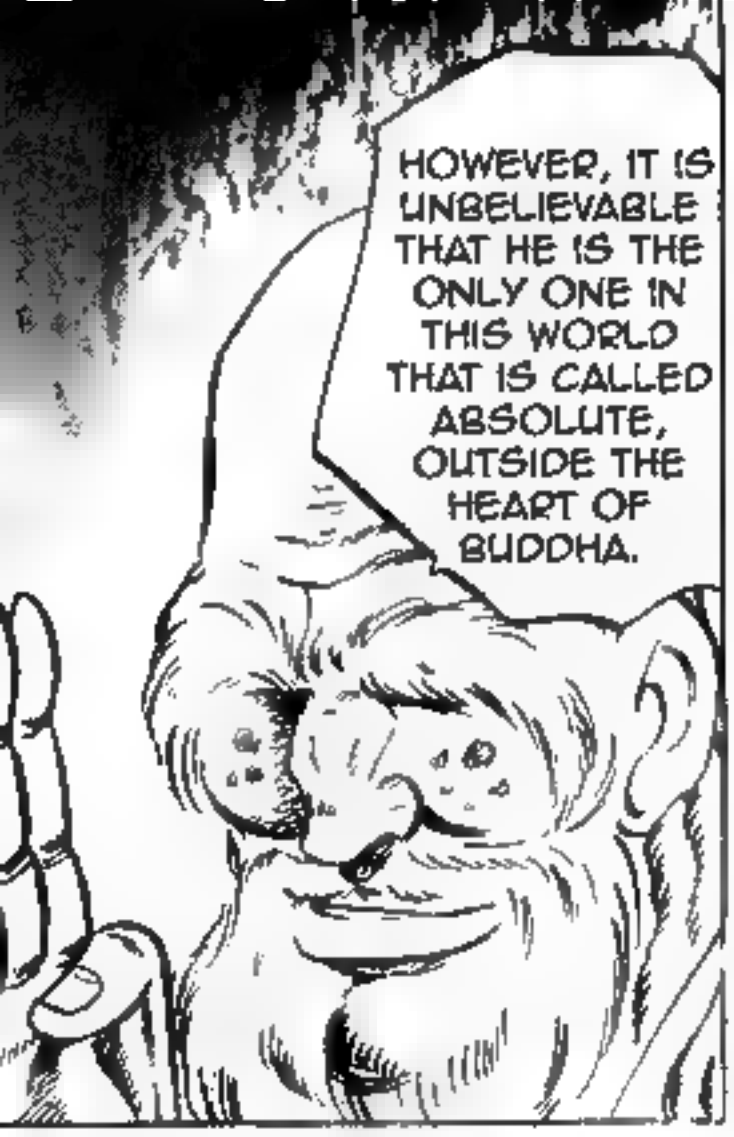
大僧正!!の巻

THE HIMALAYA MOUNTAIN RANGE, 7,700 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL.....
HEADQUARTERS OF GANDHARA

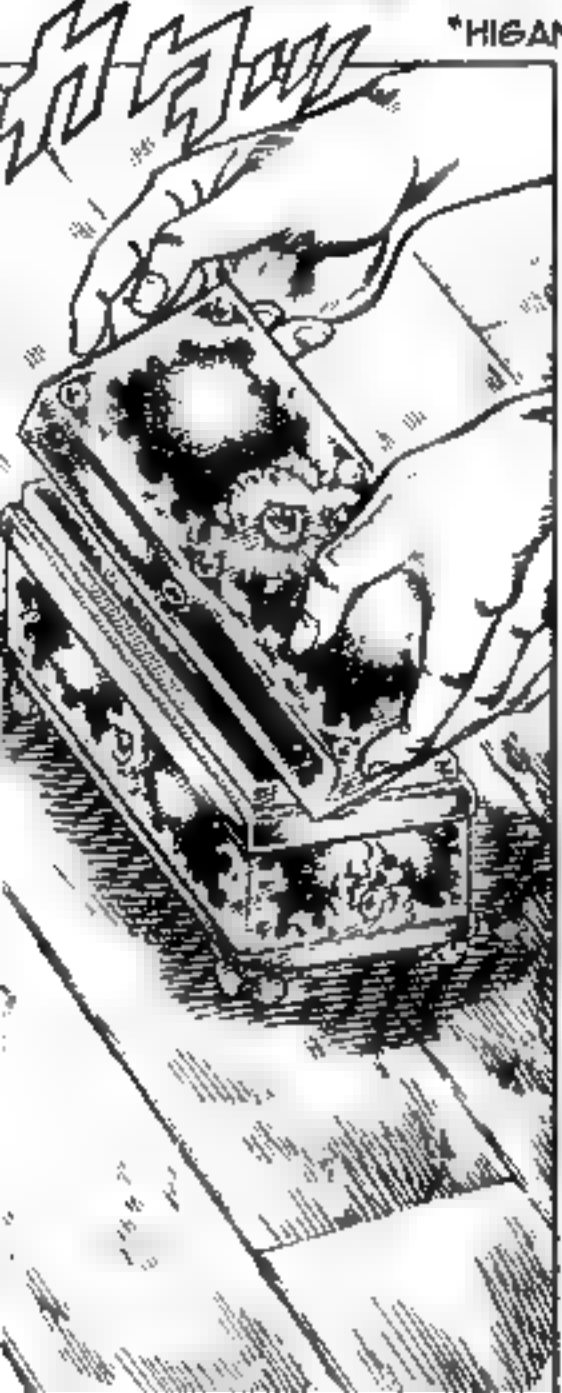




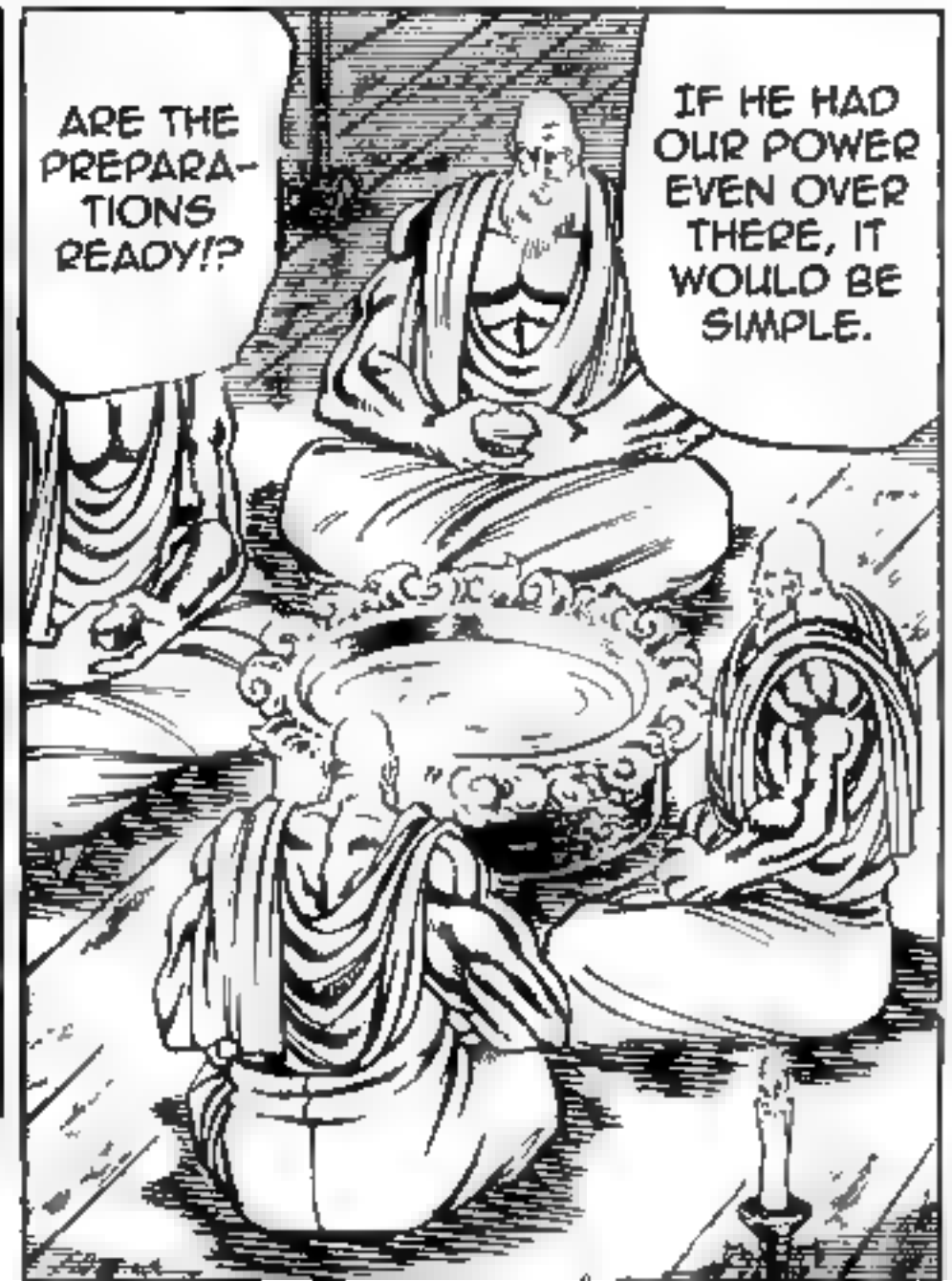
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS: GYUUHOU, ENPOU, AND NOW EVEN RYUUHOU .....!!



"HIGAN ENJUSATSU" = "GRUDGE-KILLING CURSE OF HIGAN"



"HIGAN" = THE WEEK DURING THE TWO EQUINOXES IN BOTH MARCH AND SEPTEMBER WHEN PEOPLE HEAD TO BUDDHIST TEMPLES TO RENEW THEIR DEVOTION TO THEIR RELIGION, HELD THEN DUE TO THE IMPROVED WEATHER AROUND THOSE TIMES OF YEAR



THE MAN WITH A HEADBAND TIED ON HIS HEAD.....!! HOWEVER IT COMES FORTH, THIS MAN'S FATE IS DEATH!

I'VE AL-READY SEEN THE MAN OF OTOKOJUKU WHO WILL BE FIGHTING THE YOUNG MASTER.

HE WILL BECOME ANGRY LIKE A RAGING FIRE IF HE DISCOVERS WE ELDERS HELPED HIM OUT, BUT WITH THIS METHOD, HE WON'T FIND OUT.

FUFFUFFU: THE YOUNG MASTER IS A PROUD MAN WITH A VIOLENT TEMPERAMENT .....!!

AH.

ACHOO !!

AH...

AH ...

ALL THAT LEFT IS ONLY THE GENERAL OF GANDHARA.... IF WE WIN THIS, THEN WE'LL FINALLY ADVANCE TO THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI FINALS LEAGUE.

RIGHT.

IT'S... SNOW---!! INDEED IF YOU THINK ITS COLD, THEN IT SNOWS---!

AAH!! WH...WHAT IS THAT ---!

DOKUGAN-TETSU, HEN-SHOUKI, EIKEI..... THE DEAD TRIO SHOULD BE THINKING THIS AS WELL.

AAH, NO ONE WILL COM-PLAIN OF THAT.

THE MOVE-MENT TO THE FINALS SHOULD BE DECIDED BY YOUR HANDS, AS GENERAL OF OTOKO-JUKU

LEAVE THIS MATCH TO ME.

WATCH ME: YOUR DEATHS WILL NOT IN VAIN.

HIS OPPONENT IS A MAN WHO STANDS AT THE SUMMIT OF FIVE-THOUSAND: HIS RANK SHOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM OUR OPPONENTS UNTIL NOW.

NO, WE SHOULDN'T BE UNPREPARED.

WHAT, IF THIS IS MOMO'S TURN, THEN WE SHOULD WATCH THIS WITH EASE!!

OOH---!! WE ASK YOU TO DO THIS, MOMO---!

HYOO- IT'S COMING TO SNOW INCREASINGLY WORSE AND WORSE---!!

IT'S AS IF THE ENTIRE BATTLEGROUND IS BEING COVERED BY A POWER OF UNKNOWN CHARACTER. ....!!

..... WHAT IS THIS BIZARRE SENSATION!?

!!

BETTING MY TITLE, I ALONE WILL PROTECT THE HONOR AND TRADITION OF GANDHARA!!
MY NAME IS SHU KOUGEN, THE 57TH HIGH PRIEST OF GAND-HARA!!
I HADN'T THOUGHT AT ALL THAT ALL OF YOU WOULD HAVE DONE THIS MUCH.
YOU SAY YOU'RE FROM OTOKO-JUKU..... SPLEN-DID;
WHATEVER SORT OF GUY I THOUGHT HE WAS, HE'S STILL YOUNG!! AND FURTHER HE HAS LONG HAIR EVEN THOUGH HE'S A PRIEST.
HE...HE'S THE GENERAL OF GAND-HARA....!!

GIVE ME YOUR NAME!!
HEAD OF THE FIRST-YEARS OF OTOKOJUKU: TSURUGI MO-MOTAROU!!

HA--!!
NUU!!

THOSE BLADES ON BOTH HIS ARMS AND LEGS HAVE BEEN THROWN OUT WITH THE SPEED WITHOUT LOSING A BREATH!!
HE'S REALLY DOING IT: THAT GUY WHO STATED HE'S THE HEAD PRIEST!!

OOOOH !!

MO...
MOMO
---!!

A...SIMUL TANEOUS STRIKE .....!!

FU, AS EX-PECTED FROM SOMEONE CALLING HIMSELF THE HEAD OF OTO KOJUKU.

GUFU!!

THE BEST PROOF IS THIS THICK-ENING SNOW!!

HOWEVER, THE HEAVENS DESIRE MY VICTORY.

UHH!

WH... WHAT ---!!

HE...DISAPPEARED---!! THE...HEAD PRIEST COULDN'T BE SEEN ANYWHERE FROM THE MOMENT HE OPENED UP THAT ONE STRIP OF CLOTH---!

"SENSHOU GOHOUJIN" = "BROADLY SUB-MERGED FIVE-DIRECTION ARRAY"

THAT...HIGH PRIEST GUY HAS DISAPPEARED AND BLADES HAVE EMERGED FROM WITHIN THE SNOW, SURROUNDING MOMO!!

WH... WHAT IS...IS THAT ---!!

USING THE SNOW THAT IS HERE, IT'S NATURAL THAT I CAN ARRANGE MY MANY SECRET TECH-NIQUES .....!!

FUFFUFFU: AT MY HOME OF GAND-HARA, THERE IS SNOW THAT COVERS WHICH THAT DOESN'T DIS-APPEAR THROUGH-OUT THE YEAR!! SO TO SAY, A SNOW FIELD IS LIKE A GARDEN FOR US.

CHP. 135: THE DREADFUL SENSHOU-JIN

恐るべし潜敞陣!!の巻

恐るべし
潜敵陣!!の巻
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IT'S BEST YOU SAVOR THIS: THE DREAD OF GANDHARA'S SENSHOU GO-HOUJIN!!
!!

TH...
THIS IS
.....!!

SOON, YOU WILL RUN OUT OF STRENGTH, AND WHEN YOUR LEG MUSCLES WEAKEN AND YOU BEND TO THE GROUND, THE BLOOD IN YOUR BODY WILL DYE THE SNOW RED AS YOU'RE SPLIT IN TWO!!

FUFFUFFU: DO YOU GET IT....!! I CAN'T SPEAK OF HOW YOU'RE NOT MOVING AROUND ENOUGH, WITHOUT EVEN BOUNDING AROUND ON THE SNOW!

CAN YOU PREVENT THESE ATTACKS!!

SEN-SHOU TENKAI-JIN!!

AT...THIS STATE, IT'LL BE DANGEROUS IF HE TAKES A SIMULTANEOUS CONCENTRATED ATTACK!!

OOH, THE BLADES ARE ROTATING WITH AMAZING FORCE SUR-ROUNDING MOMO---!!

KU!!
UH!!
!!

.....!!
IT'S NOT A FATAL INJURY: MOMO MANAGE TO AVOID IT FROM HIS VITALS !
NO... MOMO'S BEEN HURT!!

FUFFUFFU; IT SEEMS MY MATCH WITH YOU WILL BE A BIT MORE INTERESTING, BUT THAT'S BEYOND MY POWER.

I STILL HAVE TO PUT AWAY ALL OF YOUR ALLIES.

IF YOU WERE AN ORDINARY PERSON, YOU WOULD HAVE BECOME SPLIT IN TWO WITH THAT BLOW NOW!

AS EXPECTED OF JUST BEING CALLED THE BOSS OF OTOKOJUKU!!

THIS WILL FINALLY BE YOUR END.

GANDHARA HIOUGI: SENSHOU ONSHUUJIN!!
AND...AND EVEN SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS HIS MOVE TO DO WITH THAT SORT OF SET-UP---!!
WH...WHAT??!! THEY...VANISHED! ALL FIVE BLADES DIVED INTO THE SNOW!!

I'LL GET KILLED WITH THIS .....!!
I CAN'T READ IT.....!! ALL IN-DICATIONS OF HIM HAVE DIS-APPEARED .....!

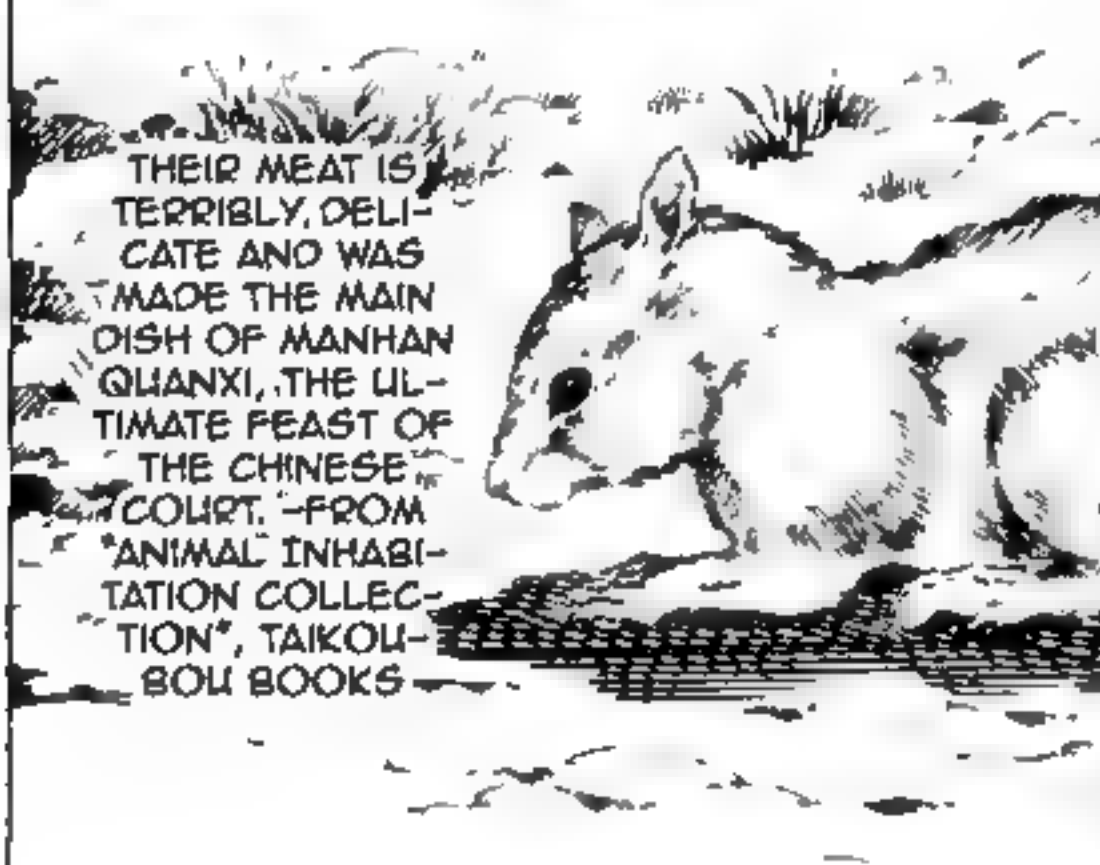
I ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE OF VICTORY LEFT.....!!

HE...CUT HIS OWN WRIST WITH HIS SWORD!!
WH... WHAT!! WHAT SORT OF PLAN IS THAT, MOMO!

YOU CAN COME AT ME FROM ANY-WHERE.
SHIN-GANKEN: ICHI-NO-TACHI!!

WH...WHAT IS HE DOING: HE DREW A SURROUNDING CIRCLE IN THE SNOW WITH HIS OWN BLOOD AND CONCEALED HIS EYES WITH HIS HEADBAND!! CAN HE DEFEND AN ATTACK THAT MAY COME OUT FROM ANYWHERE WITH THAT!

SNOW MICE===YUKINEZUMI



SNOW MICE...MAMMALS OF THE CARNIVORE ORDER AND THE RODENT FAMILY, WITH THE TECHNICAL NAME OF "KOUGEN SHIRONEZUMI"; SMALL ANIMALS WHO PRIMARILY LIVE IN THE SNOW FIELDS OF CENTRAL ASIA IN ELEVATIONS ABOVE 6,000 METERS. THEIR CHARACTERISTIC IS POSSESSING A STRONG POWER COMPARATIVE TO THEIR SIZE OF THEIR BODY, AND EXCELLING IN ITS CLEVERNESS. SINCE THEY ARE ALWAYS FORCED INTO LIVING WITHIN THE SNOW, THEIR FOREFEET HAVE DEVELOPED LIKE A MOLE THAT DIGS THROUGH THE DIRT; THEIR ALIAS IS ALSO AS THE "SNOW MOLE".

HAO
---!!
NUU!!

I'VE COMPLETELY LOST MY SNOW MICE, WHICH I'VE PLACED TABLE SALT ON AND PILED ON TRAINING OVER THESE LONG YEARS...!!
YOU'RE A GREAT MAN.

ITS SENSE OF PAIN HAS BEEN PARA-LYZED DUE TO BEING IN THE SNOW FOR TOO LONG.
WHAT I'VE KILLED WASN'T JUST THE SNOW MICE! THERE WAS ONE OTHER BIG MOUSE AS WELL!!
AND THUS, WHEN THE MICE DREW CLOSE, YOU COULD SENSE THEIR POSITION THROUGH THE WEAK SOUND OF THEM BREAKING THE ICE!!
I DIDN'T THINK OF THAT; USING THE INSTANT-FREEZING PROPERTY OF BLOOD AT A LOW TEMPERA-TURE, YOU CREATED A BARRIER OF THIN ICE ON THE SURFACE OF THE SNOW ..!!
HUH!?

FINISH HIM OFF WITH VIGOROUS EFFORT---!! THIS WILL ADVANCE US INTO THE FINAL LEAGUE---!

HE'S...DONE IT!! MOMO HAS BRILLIANTLY BEATEN HIM!

IT'S NO WAY THAT YOU'VE WON AGAINST ME BECAUSE OF THIS SMALL WOUND.

FUFU-FUFU .....

決着の瞬間!!の巻

CHP. 136: THE MOMENT OF CONCLUSION!!

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CHP. 136: THE MOMENT OF CONCLUSION!!

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ZZZZ!!!

BUT FOR ME, I HAVE THIS SORT OF TECH-NIQUE!!
FUFFUFFU, THE SNOW IS THICKENING QUICKLY, TAKING AWAY THE FREEDOM OF YOUR LEGS.

THAT HIGH PRIEST HAS TAKEN OFF HIS LEG PROTEC-TOR, TAKING OUT A STRANGE-SHAPED BOARD ---!!
WH... WHAT IS THAT--- ---!!

!!
"SEPPA TANSOUTEI" = "SNOW-WAVE SIMPLE-GATHERING ROWBOAT"
GANDHARA HIOUGI: SEPPA TANSOUTEI!!

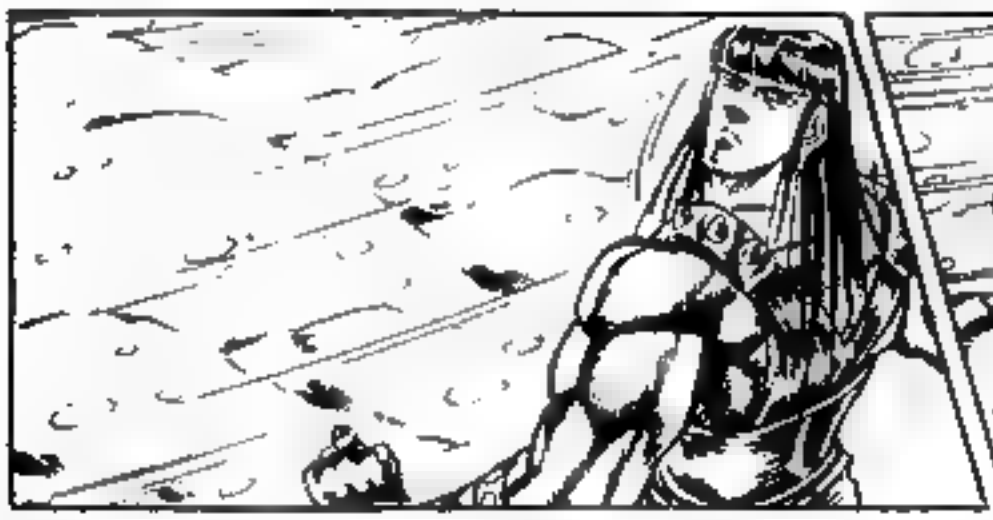
JAAN

WH...WHAT IS TH...THAT ATTACK---!! HE'S SLIDING ON TOP OF THE SNOW AS IF HE'S ON A SKATEBOARD OR LIKE HE'S SURFING, AND ATTACKING NIMBLY---!
A...AND ON THE CONTRARY, MOMO IS CAUGHT IN THE SNOW THAT HAS PILED UP TO BENEATH HIS KNEES, MAKE HIM HARD TO MOVE!!
WITH SKILLS OF YOUR LEVEL, I MYSELF SHOULD BE ABLE TO UN-DERSTAND YOU THE BEST....!!
IT'S USE-LESS!! YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ME.
BY BEING ON TOP OF THIS SNOW, I'VE COME TO GET INTO FIGHTING FOR GAND-HARA.
FUFFUFFU: YOU SHOULD LAMENT YOUR BAD LUCK!!

GET OUT ---!!
UH!!

FU, WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING WITH THAT ATTACK.....

HUH!!



TH... THIS IS ....!?

HE... DISAPPEARED: N...NOW MOMO CAN'T BE SEEN ANY-WHERE--!!
WH... WHAT ---!!

BUT DOES HE THINK HE CAN RUN IT THROUGH SO HASTILY PREPARED?

FU...SUCH STRANGE BEHAV-IOR...!! HE'S GOING TO USE MY TECHNIQUE.

THE COLOR OF BLOOD IS FLOATING UPWARDS IN THE SNOW!!

I UNDERSTAND: HE PLANNED TO HIDE HIMSELF WELL, BUT HE CAN'T DECEIVE MY EYES.

HE...HE KILLED MO... MOMO--!!

YOU FOOL ---!!

I'VE GOT YOU SHU KOUGEN, HIGH PRIEST OF GAND-HARA!!

I'M CER-TAIN WITH THIS RE-SPONSE ...!!

!!

THIS...IS THE CORPSE OF A SNOW MOUSE .....!!

HUH..

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HA

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HO!!

UGUGU

.....!!

NO...HOW---!!
NO...NOMO GOT HIM FROM HIS BEHIND AND SHOULD HAVE COMPLETELY TAKEN THE MATCH, AND YET DIDN'T SWING DOWN HIS BLADE---!
WH...WHAT: WHAT'S GOING ON---?! THAT'S---!

IN AN INSTANT, I'VE GOT A SHARP PAIN RUSHING THROUGH MY ENTIRE BODY, RIGORING MY BODY AND NOT LETTING MOVEMENT COME OUT !?
WH. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE !!

FUFUFU, HOW DISAPPOINTING.
WHAT'S WRONG, HAS YOUR STRENGTH REACHED IT'S LIMIT!? RIGHT: YOU'VE GOTTEN FROSTBITE ON YOUR BODY DUE TO THIS COLD.

.REALIZE THE TERROR OF GANDHARA HIDEN: HIGAN ENJUSATSU .....!!

THIS IS FINE. .....

THAT WILL EXPOSE OUR TECHNIQUE, WAVING ABOUT THE ANGER OF THE YOUNG MASTER.

IT WOULD BE BEST TO INSTANTLY GO THROUGH THE ORGAN OF HIS HEART AND KILL HIM, BUT.....

FU, AT ANY RATE, THAT'S THE END.

DIE ---!!

IT'S M.S- FORTUNATE YOU HAVE FROSTBITE, BUT MY VICTORY TRULY IS DESIRED BY THE HEAVENS.

WH...WHAT EXACTLY'S THE MATTER, MOMO!!

THAT'S... STRANGE!! NO... MOMO'S APPEARANCE HAS ABRUPTLY BECOME STRANGE—!

GU!!
IF YOU ARE A BOSS OF OTO-KOJUKU, THEN YOU SHOULD PREPARE YOUR-SELF MANLY!!
ARE YOU STILL PLAN-NING TO STRUG-GLE?!

WE OF OTOKO-JUKU DON'T HAVE A WORD FOR GIVING UP.
NO MATTER WHAT OUR SITUATION, WE CAN ONLY BE-LIEVE IN OUR POWER AND SEIZE VIC-TORY!!
YOU CAN'T HOLD ON TO YOUR SWORD; WHAT IS IT THAT YOU NOW CAN DO---!!
WHAT IS "OUR POWER"!!
MO... MOMO!!

HUH?
.....
.....

YOU... IDIOT, TH... THAT'S .....!!
SLEEP PEACEFULLY WHILE THINK-ING OF YOUR SNOWFIELDS OF YOUR HOME.....!!

MO...MOMO HAS FINALLY DEFEATED SHU KOUGEN, GENERAL OF GANDHARA .....!!
IT'S... OVER .....!!
W...WITH THAT, WE'RE FINALLY ADVANCING TO THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI FINALS LEAGUE---!!
WE'VE...DONE IT---!! A VICTORY FOR OTOKOJUKU---!
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WH... WHERE ARE YOU GOING .....

WA...WAIT .....

AND FUR-THER, HE CAN STILL FIGHT WITH THAT BODY---!!

WH...WHAT: THAT GUY IS...STILL ALIVE!!

AS...AS LONG AS I HAVE MY LIFE.....!!

THE... MATCH ISN'T OVER YET.....!!

IF YOU GET TREATMENT WITHOUT MOVING ANY FURTHER, YOU CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE.

PUT IT ASIDE....I AVOIDED YOUR VITALS

AS BOSS OF GANDHARA AND AS A MAN...HE HAS A SPIRIT OF SORROW.

HE ALREADY IS RESIGNED TO DIE.

.....

FOR WE IN GANDHARA, WITH LIFE AND DEATH... ARE...TWO IN ONE....!

TRI... TRIFLING SYMPA-THY IS USE-LESS...

LET'S GO---!!

UH!!
OUGI: SHISHI TOUROUKEN!!
"SHISHI TOUROUKEN" "FOUR-LIMB CLEAR-TIP SWORD"

THE... YOUNG MASTER LOST.....!!

WH...WHAT CAN WE SAY.....

WHAT REGRETFUL OVERWHELMING SORROW... THE CURTAIN WILL CLOSE NOW ON THE THREE-THOUSAND YEAR HISTORY OF GANDHARA.

THE YOUNG MASTER IS THE ONLY MAN DESCENDED TO BE THE HIGH PRIEST OF GAND-HARA.....

THIS MAN WILL DIE AS WELL.

HOW-EVER, BEFORE WE DO, WE SHOULD DO THIS.

SINCE IT HAS COME TO THIS, WE TOO OF THE ELDER GROUP MUST BARE THE BLAME AND CAN ONLY COMMIT SUI-CIDE

WHAT .....!?

HO... HOLD ON, LO...LOOK, THAT'S...!!

DIE!!

THE... YOUNG MASTER IS STILL ALIVE.....!!

HE'S... ALIVE ....

GUKU, TH...THIS IS.....!?

WITH THIS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE, NOT EVEN AN INCH.

I'VE TAKEN OUT ALL THE JOINTS ON THE 18 POINTS OF YOUR LIMBS.

.....

WH...WHAT EXACTLY HAVE...YOU DONE TO ME.....!?

Y... YOU .....!!

E...EVEN WHEN I PLANNED TO KILLED YOU .....!!

WH...WHY.....!? WH...WHY AREN'T YOU STABBING ME TO END IT IMMEDI-ATELY.....!!

HUH ...!?

ARE...YOU SAV...SAVING MY LIFE.....!!
WH... WHAT IS TH...THIS BEHAV-IOR.....!!

UH!!

I...I CHOOSE TO DIE MORE THAN TO BEING EXPOSED TO LIVING IN DIS-GRACE!
ST...STOP!! KI...KILL ME---!! MY LIFE ISN'T VALUABLE OR ANYTHING!!

HUH!!

THROW AWAY YOUR TRI-FLING SPIRIT.

YO .YOU ARE SAYING YOU WON AGAINST ME WITH A BODY COVERED BY HIGAN ENJU-SATSU ....!?

THE WEAKENING OF YOUR MOVEMENTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIGHT WASN'T BE-CAUSE OF FROSTBITE

IT...CAN'T BE: THAT BRUISE ON YOUR ARM IS GANDHARA HIOUGI: HIGAN EN-JUSATSU...

WH...WHY DID YOU SAVE MY LIFE...!?

WH... WHY .....!!

IF YOU REST LIKE THIS, IT WILL STOP THE BLOOD.

OTOKOJUKU..... I WISH ALL OF YOU GOOD LUCK IN THE FINALS LEAGUE.....!!

..... I'VE...LOST. IT'S...MY COMPLETE DEFEAT.....

AS BOSS OF THE THREE-THOUSAND OF GANDHARA, YOU'RE OBLIGATED TO LIVE AND GO HOME FOR THOSE THAT THINK OF YOU.

THIS ISN'T THE LIFE OF YOU ALONE .....

HE'S...THAT SORT OF MAN.....

.THE THREE-THOUSAND YEAR HISTORY OF GANDHARA STILL EXIST BECAUSE OF THAT MAN.....!

IT'S... SAVED .....

HM-M

UWAH-HAHA----!!

NO: YOU REALLY ARE OUR GEN-ERAL!!

.....

WHAT, IS THERE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?

HM-M

IT'S BEEN A LONG FIGHT .....!!
BUT THE TRUE FIGHT IS FROM HERE ON!!

OTOKOJUKU SCHOOL
I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF OTOKOJUKU, EDAJIMA HEIHACHI!!
PR... PRINCI-PAL

HA... HAHA .....!?

THAT'S NOT SURPRISING: I'VE PREDICTED ABOUT IT UNTIL NOW.

THEY'VE...DONE IT: FI...FINALLY IT'S BEEN REPORTED THAT OUR OTOKOJUKU HAS GOTTEN THE DECISION TO ADVANCE TO THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBU-KAI FINALS LEAGUE!!

OUR OTO-KOJUKU HAS THREE VACANCIES... WH...WHO EX-ACTLY WILL WE.....!?

CON...CERNING THAT, THERE WERE IN-STRUCTIONS FROM TOURNAMENT HEAD-QUARTERS ABOUT REPLENISHING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WERE VACATED AMONG THE PARTICI-PATING SIXTEEN.

SE..SE CRET WEAP-ONS .....!?

OTOKO-JUKU'S SECRET WEAPONS..... THEY'RE EX-TREMELY RE-LIABLE MEN.

I'VE DONE EVERY PREPARA-TION POS-SIBLE: THOSE THREE HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED.

LO... LOOK---!! IT'S...THE HE-LICOPTER---!!

FROM HERE, ALL OF YOU WILL RIDE THE HELICOPTER TOWARDS THE GROUND OF THE FINALS LEAGUE.

IT HAS COME FROM THE OTHER ARENA TO PICK YOU UP.

WE CAN ONLY AD-VANCE FOR-WARD!! WELL, GUIDE US TO THIS OTHER ARENA.

WE WON'T UNTIL WE HAVE AN ANSWER !

FUFU... HOWEVER, FROM HERE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO AS SUCH, SO WHAT WILL YOU DO? IF YOU WANT TO GO BACK, NOW'S THE TIME.

HOW COULD IT BE THAT ALL YOU NEWCOM-ERS HAVE COME THIS FAR.

LET'S GO---!!
RIGHT!! AND NOW IT'S OUR TURN---!

THE NAMES GIVEN TO HIM BY THOSE OF ONE CLASS WHO KNOW OF HIS EXISTENCE ARE MANY...

THE DEMON OF SHOWA, THE WIRE-PULLER OF JAPAN, THE LAST DON.

HIS FORTUNE AND ASSETS RIVALS EVEN THE NATIONAL BUDGET OF JAPAN

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HIS POWER IS SAID TO RESHUFFLE EVEN THE HEAD OF THE PRIME MINIS-TER OF THE TIME.

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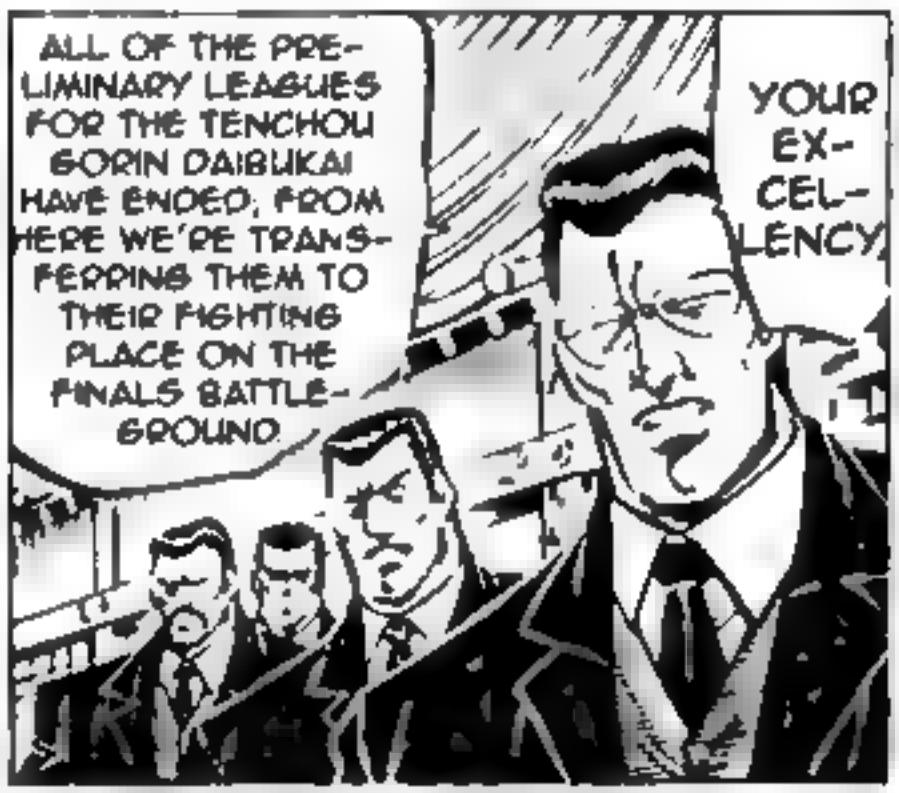
IS THAT SO....


ALL OF THE PRE-LIMINARY LEAGUES FOR THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI HAVE ENDED; FROM HERE WE'RE TRANS-FERRING THEM TO THEIR FIGHTING PLACE ON THE FINALS BATTLE-GROUND.
YOUR EX-CEL-LENCY

IN THIS COUNTRY, SINCE ANYONE WHO SITS IN THE CHAIR OF PRIME MINISTER IS THE SAME, HOW COULD I DO THAT FOR HIM?

THROW IT AWAY.

THE NEW PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN ANTICIPATING THANKS FOR HIS NEW POST SINCE SOME TIME AGO, BUT HOW SHOULD WE DO THIS?

YES, AS YOU WILL.

WHILE WE'RE AT IT, IT SEEMS THAT NEW PARTICIPANT TEAM OTOKOJUKU HAS WON THEIR WAY INTO THE FINALS LEAGUE.

THE DEMON OF SHOWA, THE WIRE-PULLER OF JAPAN, THE LAST DON: THE NAMES GIVEN TO HIM BY THOSE OF ONE CLASS WHO KNOW OF HIS EXISTENCE ARE MANY...

FORMER LIEUTENANT COMMANDER OF THE JAPANESE NAVY AND DEPUTY COMMANDER OF SAMAN ISLAND ISA TAKEMITSU; HIS PRESENT NAME IS TOUDOU HYOUE.

NOW PLEASE ME AS BEST AS POSSIBLE.

FUOHHO-HHO: THE FIGHT THIS YEAR WILL BE INTERESTING.

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KI...
KUUMA---!!
HOLD ON---!

L...LIVE AND... ESCAPE THIS ISLAND.....

THE .THE LIVES OF WE 2,800 BROTHERS OF THE JAPANESE ARMY WERE SOLD TO THE ENEMY AND DRIVEN TO OUR DEATHS .....

FI...FIRST-LIEUTENANT EDAJIMA-DONO, IT'S...IT'S ALREADY TO...TOO LATE FOR ME.

SO...SO THEN .....

KI... KIJIMA ---!!

YOU .MUST CERTAINLY TAKE THAT MAN... .

I...ISA TAKE-MITSU . ....

NUU OO --!!

GUWA
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HA-HAHA
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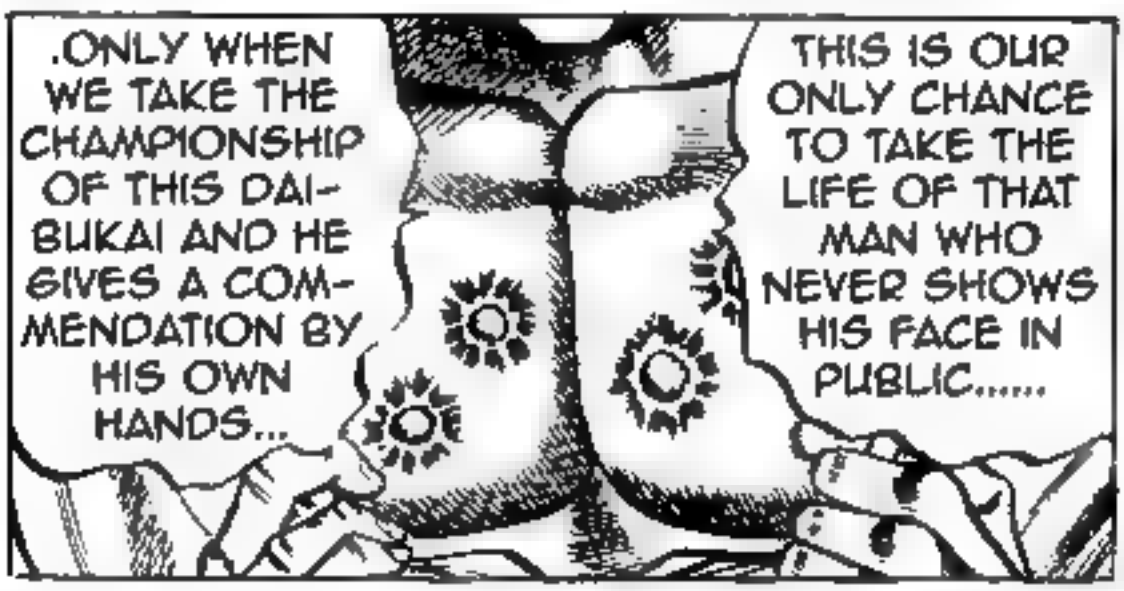
UOO ---!!


.ONLY WHEN WE TAKE THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THIS DAI-BUKAI AND HE GIVES A COM-MENDATION BY HIS OWN HANDS...
THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO TAKE THE LIFE OF THAT MAN WHO NEVER SHOWS HIS FACE IN PUBLIC.....

TOUDOU HYOUE: THE ONES WHO WILL LOWER THE IRON HAMMER OF JUSTICE ON HIM ARE ONLY THEM.
BE CAREFUL AND GO.....!! THE MATCHES WILL BE DO-OR-DIE FROM HERE ON.

REALLY, EVEN IF YOU LOOK OUT THE WINDOW, ALL I SEE ARE JUST CLOUDS
FIVE OR SIX HOURS HAVE ALREADY PASSED SINCE WE'VE LEFT BEHIND THE BATTLEGROUND OF THE PRE-LUMINARY LEAGUE
HEY, WHERE IS THIS HE-LICOPTER PLANNING TO FLY US TO?

BUT I DON'T KNOW THE LAST TWO EITHER.

FU, I CER-TAINLY KNOW ONE OF THEM.

.....?

WHO ARE THESE THREE? WELL, MOMO?

THAT REMINDS ME: THE PILOT OF THE HELI-COPTER SAID EARLIER THEY WERE SENDING THREE FROM OTOKOJUKU SO WE COULD REPLENISH OUR NUMBERS

WE'RE AP-PROACHING THE SKIES THE TENCHOU GORIN DAUBIKAI FINALS GROUNDS!! WILL ALL OF YOU PRE-PARE FOR OUR LANDING!

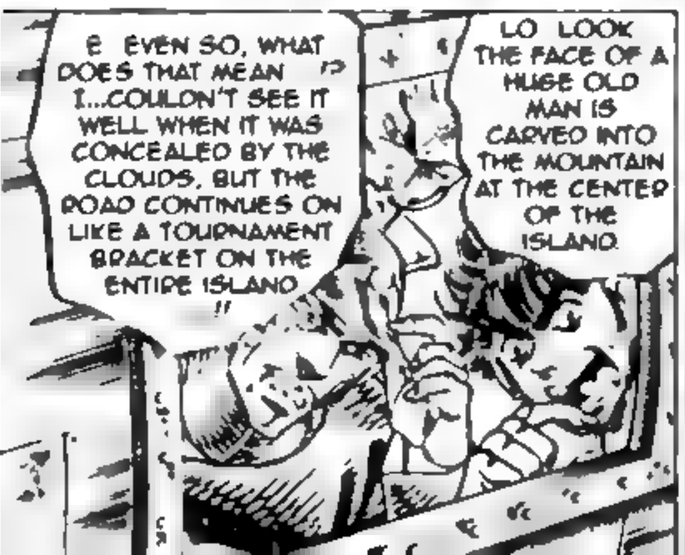
!!

INFOR-MATION TO THE PAS-SEN-GERS!!

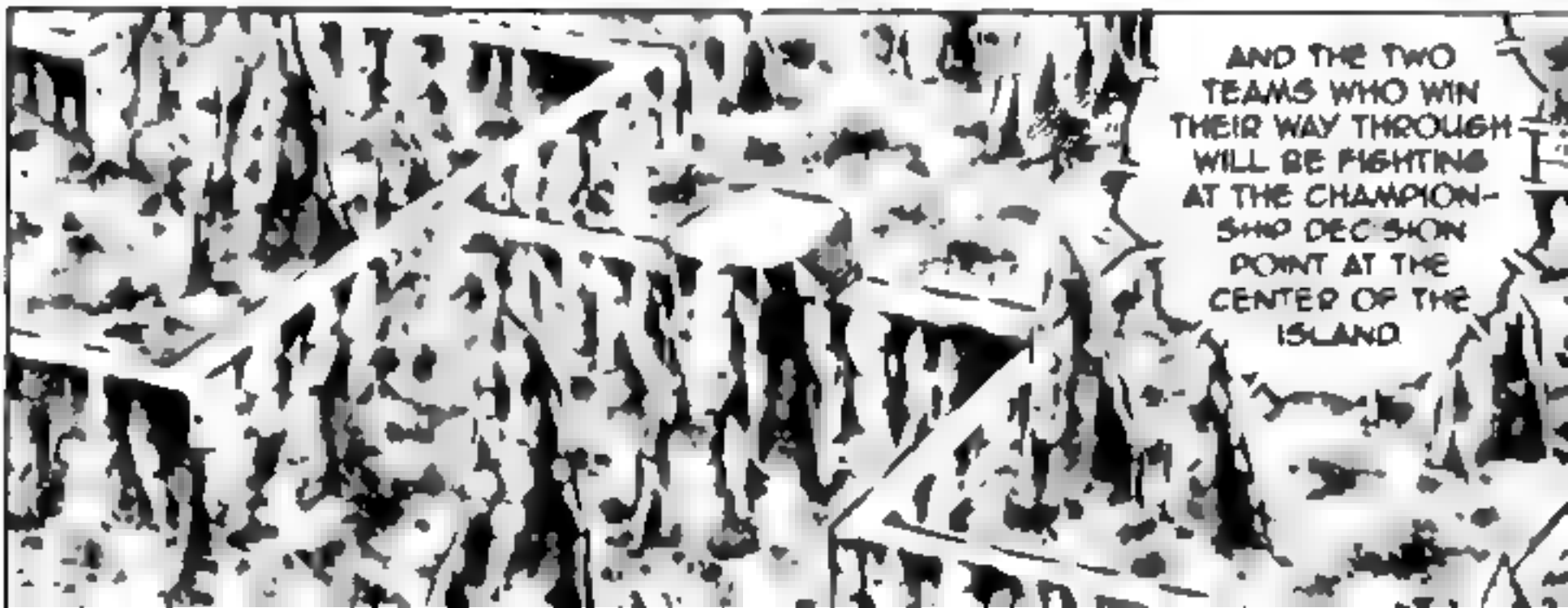
WH... WHAT IS TH... THAT .....!?

OOH!! WE'RE ARRIV-ING AT LAST?

THIS IS THE BATTLEGROUND OF THE FINALS: MEIOU ISLAND!!


E EVEN SO, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ? I...COULDN'T SEE IT WELL WHEN IT WAS CONCEALED BY THE CLOUDS, BUT THE ROAD CONTINUES ON LIKE A TOURNAMENT BRACKET ON THE ENTIRE ISLAND
LO LOOK THE FACE OF A HUGE OLD MAN IS CARVED INTO THE MOUNTAIN AT THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND

JUST LIKE ALL OF YOU, THE 16 TEAMS WHO HAVE WON THEIR WAY THROUGH EACH PRELIMINARY LEAGUE WILL BE SEPARATED INTO TWO BLOCKS OF EAST AND WEST AND WILL BE FIGHTING AT EACH MEETING POINT
OF COURSE THIS ENTIRE ISLAND HAS BECOME A TOURNA-MENT BRACKET"


AND THE TWO TEAMS WHO WIN THEIR WAY THROUGH WILL BE FIGHTING AT THE CHAMPION-SHIP DECISION POINT AT THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND

HEY, THERE ARE HELI-COPTERS GATHERING FROM HERE AND THERE.

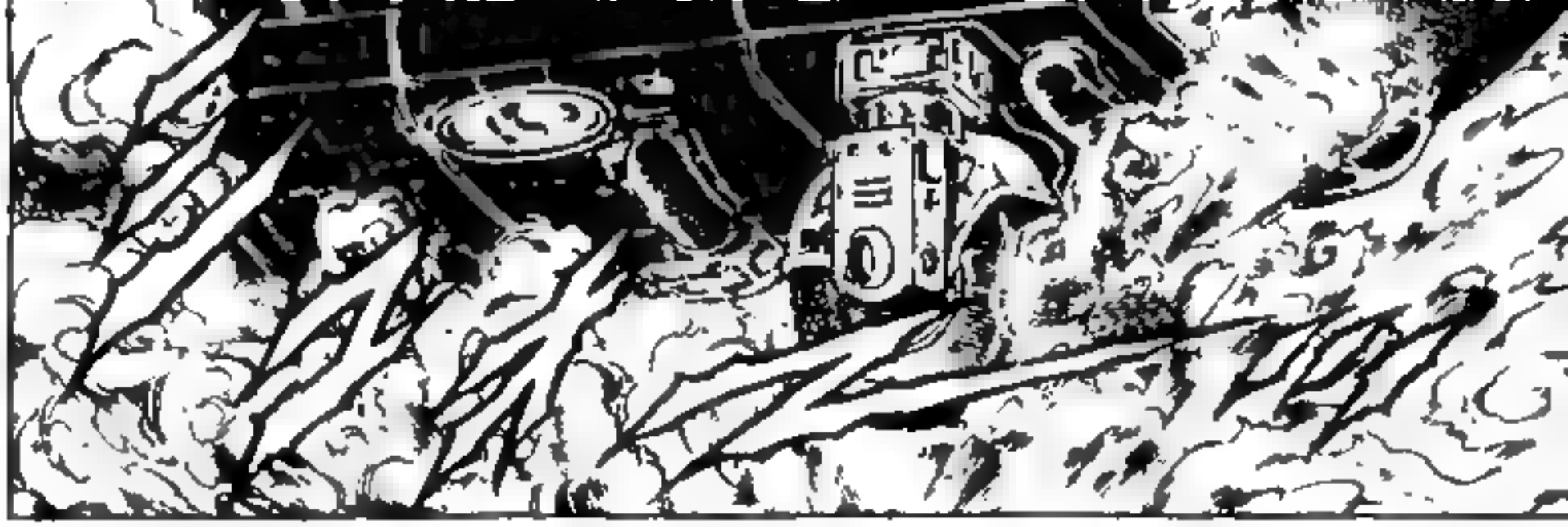
THAT'S TRULY OF THAT TOUDOU HYOUE GUY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS TOURNA-MENT.....!!

HO.. HOW-EVER, THEY'VE CREATED THIS LARGE-SCALE SET-UP ON THIS HUGE ISLAND FLOATING ON TOP OF THE OCEAN.....

MEIOU ISLAND..... MEIOU IS AN EVIL GOD OF LEGEND, WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE ONCE RE-VIVED FROM THE FIRES OF HELL AND SCORCHED EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD.

SO FROM HERE, WE WILL LAND!!

SO THEN, ALL 16 TEAMS HAVE GATHERED AT THE ISLAND.



IT'S...AS IF THERE'S AN ATMOSPHERE THAT EVEN DI-NOSAURS COULD APPEAR.
WH...WHAT IS THIS ISLAND?

I'M STARTLED THAT THIS ROAD HAS BEEN MADE AS A TOURNAMENT BRACKET.

I GET IT: IF WE GO BY ADVANCING ON THIS ROAD, WE'LL BE COLLIDING WITH THE ENEMY TEAM AT EACH BATTLE-GROUND.

OOH!! TH... THAT'S!

THE...THERE'S SOMEONE ALREADY THAT'S ON THE BATTLE-GROUND...!!
W...WAIT, LOOK: SOMEONE IS HERE.

THE OPPO-NENT TEAM HASN'T COME YET.
HERE IS THE FIRST BATTLE-GROUND .....!!

YOU'RE LATE..... I WOULD HAVE BEEN SHORT ON THE VERGE OF THE MATCH!!

HEAD OF THE OTOKOJUKU SECOND-YEARS: AKASHI SOUJI ----!!

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TH... THAT'S A...AKASHI .....
IT'S...AKASHI GOUJI, HEAD OF THE OTOKOJUKU SECOND-YEARS!!
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宝竜黒蓮珠の巻
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POORON KOKURENJU

FU, MASTER OF GOUKEN ICHIMONJI-RYUU: IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN THIS.
HE...HEY, TH...THIS COMPLETELY HAS COME TO NOT BE OUR TURN .....!!
EVEN SO, OUR COMPETITION OPPONENT HASN'T COME YET?
AKASHI-SENPAI WAS WAITING FOR SO LONG IMPATIENTLY AND YET.
.....
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE ARRIVING.

H''' H'''

"POORON KOKURENJU" = "TREASURE-DRAGON BLACK LOTUS GEM"

WH...WHAT'S TH...THAT---!! HE'S FLYING FROM THAT FAR-OFF CLIFF TO THE BATTLEGROUND WITHOUT USING THE ROPE LADDER--!!

I SHALL BE TAKING YOUR HEAD!!

MY NAME IS CHAN HOO, ONE OF THE POORON KOKUREN-JU!!

WHEN I HIT YOUR BIG MOUTH, YOU'LL COME TO REGRET THAT.

IT'S MY DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT I NEED TO TAKE OUT MY LONG-SWORD.

COME!

IS THAT EXAGGERATINGLY LONG SWORD THAT'S ON YOUR BACK MERELY A BLUFF....!?

WHAT'S WRONG, AREN'T YOU TAKING IT OUT?

IT'S BEST YOU REALIZE THE TERROR OF THE MURDERING TECHNIQUES OF THE KOKURENJU, THE MOST PERFECTED IN THE WORLD!!

POORON KOKURENJU: KOUDA REKKYUU!!
"KOUDA REKKYUU" = "LOCKING-STRIKE VIOLENT BALL"

THE SPEED OF THIS STEEL BALL IS 500KM/HR. IT HAS THE POWER TO PUL-VERIZE EVEN BONE IF YOU'RE DIRECTLY HIT.
AND IT'S SPEED DOUBLES FROM BEING RETURNED BY THIS IRON ROCKET.

HE'S USING THE RECOIL OF THE RUBBER ROPE AND IS ATTACKING IT CONSECUTIVELY WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE-----!!
WHAT—!! L...LOOK: TH...THAT'S AS IF IT'S LIKE A PRACTICE STAND USED FOR SINGLE TENNIS—!!
THAT LEVEL OF ATTACK CAN'T BE USED ON AKASHI.
DON'T WORRY
AM I PLAYING WITH AN OPPONENT IN GIRL'S TENNIS?
WHAT'S WITH HIS BEHAVIORS .....!?
BUT HERE'S WHERE I SHOW THE ESSENCE OF KOUDA REKKYUU!!
FU, YOU HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE IN SKILL, SO YOU CAN DEFEND YOUR BODY FROM ONE BALL.

OUGI: KOUDA MU-GENKYUU!!
"KOUDA MUGENKYUU" = "LOCKING-STRIKE INFINITE BALLS"
THE...STEEL BALLS HAVE INCREASED INTO AN INFINITE AMOUNT---!!
WH... WHAT!!

THE LONG SWORD THAT I USE ISN'T FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU, BUT I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU: AS A SOUVENIR FOR THE OTHER WORLD.....!!
IT SEEMS YOU WANT ME TO TAKE OUT THIS LONG SWORD TO A GREAT EXTENT.
FUFFUFFU! IT'S BEEN WAY TOO LONG WHEN YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T TAKING IT OUT!!
ARE YOU STILL PLANNING ON NOT TAKING OUT YOUR LONG SWORD ---!!
WHAT'S WRONG: JUST RUNNING AWAY ISN'T A MATCH!!

WHAT ARE YOU JOKING ABOUT!! YOU'RE JUST BLUFFING, IT'S SELF-EVIDENT THAT A HEAVY, LONG SWORD LIKE THAT CAN'T BE WIELDED EASILY.
ICHIMONJI-RYUU OUGI: REPPUUKEN!!
"REPPUKEN" = "VIOLENT-WIND SWORD"

WH... WHAT ---!!
HUH!!
A...AKASHI HAS PUSHED BACK THE IRON BALL W...WITH THE WIND-PRESSURE OF THE SWORD ---!!
KEEE ---- !!

REMINDER: "ZANGANKEN" = "STONE-CUTTING SWORD"

NO... NO WAY..... THAT'S... IMPOS-SIBLE....!!
IT...CAN'T BE: WHAT YOU SAY YOU CUT WAS.....!?
UWAAA!!
PLAY TENNIS TO YOUR HEART'S CON-TENT WITH THE DEVILS IN HELL.

FU, INDEED, AN EXCITING WIN IS LIKE HIM.
I...DON'T BELIEVE THIS... HE...HE HIT AND SLASHED THE BATTLEGROUND AS IF HE WAS CUTTING CHEESE.....!!
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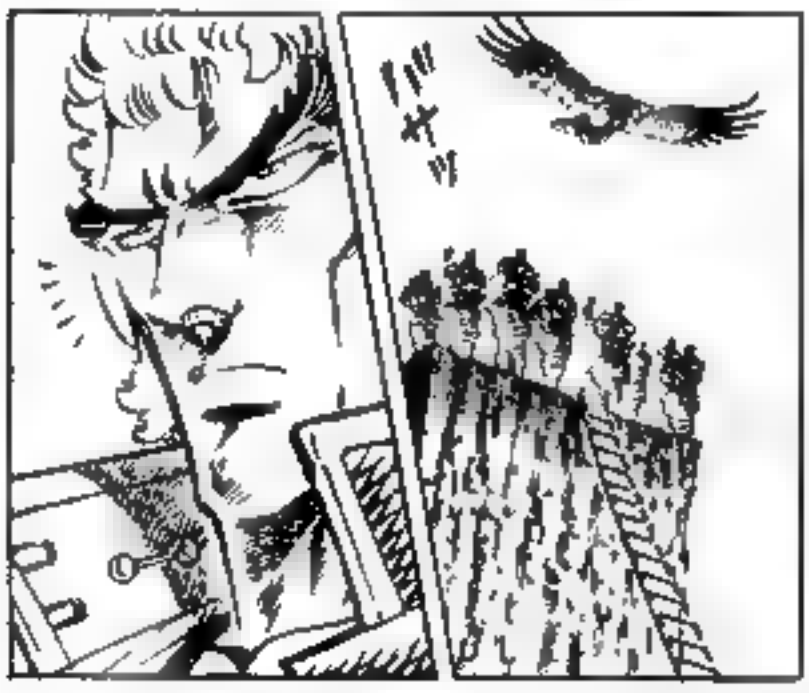
FU... THAT'S THE STRONG-SWORD OF ICHIMON-JI-RYUU ZANGAN-KEN....!!
BUT CHAN HOO WAS THE YOUNGEST OF OUR POORON KOKURENJU...IT 'S NOT SUR-PRISING IN PARTICULAR.
THAT GUY DID THAT..... HE EASILY DEFEATED CHAN HOO JUST LIKE THAT.....!!
IT SEEMS NOW IT'S MY TURN.

LET'S LEAVE IT TO HIM HERE.
FU, HE'S APPEARING AFTER A LONG TIME. THAT LEVEL OF BATTLE HASN'T SATISFIED HIM YET.

AAH!! TH...THAT AKASHI GUY... N...NO...AKASHI-SENPAI, ARE YOU CONTINUING TO FIGHT IN THE NEXT MATCH TOO!
IT SEEMS LIKE IT---!! N...NOW IT'S OUR TURN---!



AN EXTREMELY LARGE BIRD IS FLYING TO HERE FROM THE KOKURENJU'S SIDE.
AAH, WH... WHAT'S THAT!?

WH...
WHAT!!
A...HUMAN!! SOMEONE IS RIDING ON THAT GIANT EAGLE---!
L...
LOOK, THAT'S!!

THE TRUE TERROR OF POORON KOKURENJU'S ASSASSIN TECHNIQUES, REALIZE THEM IN YOUR FLESH AND BONES.

MY NAME IS KOU-SHUUSHI!!

N NO IN TRUTH, THE BIRD IS HUGE BUT THE GUY WHO'S RIDING ON HIM IS ALSO EXTREMELY TINY

I...DON'T BELIEVE IT TH THAT'S THERE'S AN EAGLE THAT HUGE.....

WELL THEN: IF I LOOK CLOSELY, I CAN SEE IT: YOUR STRANGELY LARGE LONG SWORD.
BUT WITH THAT LARGENESS AND HEAVI-NESS, ITS SPEED HAS A LIMIT NO MATTER HOW MUCH FORCE IT HAS.

THAT IS YOUR WEAK-NESS.

"HICHOU SHUURENZOU" = "HANGING-FLIGHT ADVANCING SICKLE-SPEAR"

HE...HE'S HANGING IN MIDAIR UPSIDE-DOWN FROM THE EAGLE'S CLAWS AND ATTACKING WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE---!!
WH... WHAT IS TH...THAT ---!!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO EVEN TAKE OUT YOUR PRIDED LONG SWORD!!
THIS IS THE FIRST POSSIBLE ASSASSIN TECHNIQUE THAT SUITES MY LIGHT PHYSIQUE!!
NOW IS IT!! THE AGILITY OF THE GIANT EAGLE, WHICH POSSESSES THE FASTEST SPEEDS AMONG ALL BIRDS!

IT'S AS HE SAID: EVEN IF AKASHI TOOK OUT HIS SWORD, THAT TINY DIFFERENCE IN TAKING THAT OUT WOULD MAKE IT INEVITABLE...!!
THAT'S TREMENDOUS SPEED.
A... AKASHI ---!!

THOUGH YOU SEE I HAVE MANY OF THESE SCRATCHES, I WON'T BE DEFEATED BY YOU.

..... DESPERATE SITUATION? ISN'T THAT FUNNY, SHRIMPO!

FU .....

!!

FUFFUFFU, YOU'RE A GREAT MAN. YOUR FACE HASN'T CHANGED ONE BIT WHILE YOU'RE IN THIS DILEMMA OF A DESPERATE SITUATION.

AKASHI REFERS TO KOUSHUUSHI AS "DOCHIBI", WHICH FURTHER EMPHASIZES THE "CHIBI" OR "SHRIMP" THAT HE WAS CALLED PRIOR.

Y...YOU CALL ME A SHRIMP?

SH... SHRIM-PO.....

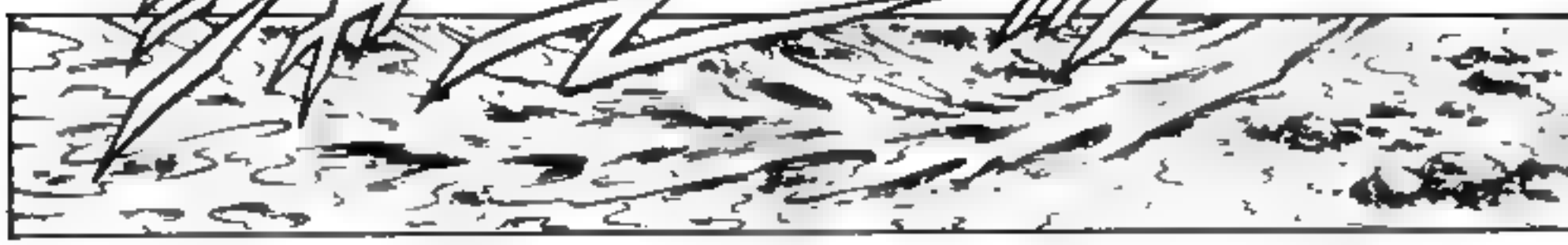
DO YOU UNDER-STAND THE SITUATION YOU'VE BEEN PUT INTO?

I...I'VE PREPARED A MUCH CRUELER DEATH FOR YOU.

FUFUFU: I'VE CHANGED MY MIND .....

NUAA ---!!

IT'S BEST FOR AN IDIOT TO REALIZE THIS.



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WH...WHAT IS HE DOING, TH...THAT GUY---!!
HE'S SPREADING SOME WATER-LIKE THING ACROSS THE SURFACE OF THE BATTLEGROUND FROM THE SKY!!

ALRIGHT, THAT MUCH IS FINE.

YOUR BODY WILL BE ENGULFED IN CRIMSON FLAMES; YOU'LL DIE WHILE IN AGONIZING PAIN---!!

UWAHAHAHAHA. YOU SEEM TO HAVE REALIZED ALREADY: YES, YOU'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A SEA OF GASOLINE!!

WELL, WILL YOU STOP WITH YOUR FALSE COURAGE AND KNEEL ---?

IF YOU RUB YOUR FACE ON THE GROUND, KNEEL AND BEG FOR YOUR LIFE, THEN I'LL EASE UP JUST THE WAY I KILL YOU.

WELL THEN, I'LL GIVE A LAST CHANCE TO YOU

WH... WHAT-!! GASO-LINE ---!

JUST BECAUSE I KNEEL DOWN, IT WON'T MAKE YOUR STATURE GROW TALLER.
FU: THAT'S WHAT A TWISTED SHRIMP SEEMS TO THINK.
DIE!!
A...
AKASHI!!

UWAHHAHAHA: YOUR SURROUNDING BATTLEGROUND IS ENTIRELY A PRECIPITOUS CLIFF!!
THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN! SUFFER, SUFFER---!! YOU FOOL----!
A... AKASHI ---!!

WE~LL, SHALL I GO CON-FIRMED THE CORPSE OF THE BURNED-TO-BLACK FOOL?
IT SEEMS EVEN THE FIRE IS CALMING.

!!

WHERE EXACTLY IS HIS CORPSE ...
EVEN SO, THIS IS SUCH TREMEN-DOUS SMOKE.

IT'S TOO BAD, SHRIMP.
A... AKASHI !!
WH... WHAT---!! IT'S... YOU---!

!!

Y...YOU DUG UP TH...THE GROUND WITH YOUR SWORD, PROTECTING YOUR BODY FROM THE FIRE.....!!
TH...THAT'S .....!!

HI!!

SO, I WILL GRANT A WISH AS WELL.
EARLIER, YOU WERE GOING TO GRANT TO ME A LAST WISH BEFORE I DIED.

THIS IS YOUR WISH, ISN'T IT GREAT

HASN'T YOUR HEIGHT IN-CREASED, SHRIMP .....!!

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GUGYA !!

Y...YOU .....!!

ARE.... ARE YOU MAKING A FOOL OF ME HERE .....!!

HE'S GREAT, THAT OLDIE KOUSHUUSHI! HASN'T HE BECOME WAY TALLER!!

GAHHHHHAHAHA, THAT'S A MASTERPIECE---!! L...LOOK, AT THE BUMPS ON HIS HEAD---!

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FAN FEI! SKEWER THAT GUY WITH YOUR BEAK ---!!

K... KILL HIM ---!!

UH!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU SWING THAT MONSTER SWORD, YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CAN'T USE IT ON THIS SPEED----!!
UWAHHA-HAHA! WHERE WERE YOU AIMING!!

WH... WHAT !!

YAKITORI: FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW OF IT, IT'S A SNACK OF CUT UP CHICKEN COOKED UP, USUALLY WITH A SAUCE, AND THEN SKEWERED FOR THE EASE OF CARRYING FOR THE CUSTOMER

I'M DISAP-POINTED THAT OUR FIRST OPPONENTS IN THE FINALS LEAGUE ARE OF THIS LEVEL.

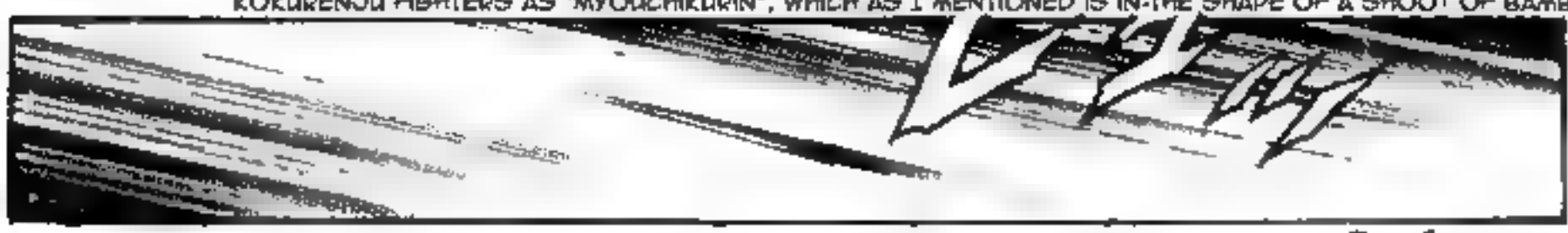
HOW ABOUT I LEAVE YOU THE REST? IT WAS STILL EARLY IN MY TURN.

BUT, SENPAI, PLEASE SAY THAT THIS MUCH IS ENOUGH----!! YOU'RE HOLDING UP THE REST!

HE...DID IT---!! YOU'RE AMAZING, AKASHI-SENPAI, THAT'S THE SECOND-STRAIGHT BAMBOO YOU'VE BROKEN----!

NOW IT'S OUR TURN!!

THE "BROKEN BAMBOO" PART IS PROBABLY REFERRING TO THE EARLIER COMMENT REFERRING TO THE KOKURENJU FIGHTERS AS "MYOUCHIKURIN", WHICH AS I MENTIONED IS IN THE SHAPE OF A SHOOT OF BAMBOO



IT WON'T BE AS SUCH.

I'M DIFFERENT WITH THOSE TWO THAT WERE DE-FEATED BY YOU.
MY NAME IS FU CHIN.

YOU DON'T HAVE A REASON TO GO BACK WITH WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
THE LAW OF OUR KOKURENJU IS IF YOU DEFEAT OUR ALLIES, THEN WE WILL CHASE YOU DOWN AND ATONE FOR THEM WITH BLOOD, EVEN TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL.

WH... WHAT THE: TH...THAT GUY BEFORE WE KNEW IT---!!

THE LIFE THAT'S LEFT FOR YOU IS JUST TEN MINUTES .....!!
THAT NEEDLE IS PAINTED WITH A DEADLY, SLOW-ACTING POISON.

NOW LET ME EXPLAIN ABOUT THE NEEDLE THAT I'VE SHOT INTO YOUR NECK.

E...EVEN SO, HE WAS ATTACKED BY A POISONED NEEDLE SUDDENLY FROM BEHIND BY SO...SOME DIRTY GUY---!!
WH...WHAT!! AKASHI HAS TEN MINUTES LEFT TO LIVE!

HERE IS THE ANTI-DOTE THAT WILL OPPOSE THE POISON.
BUT YOU SHOULD N'T WORRY.

TAKING THIS PUNISHMENT IS RESTRICTED INTO A SITUATION WHERE THE HONOR OF A KENPOU SCHOOL IS CONSIDERABLY HURT, WHERE THEY WILL DIE WHILE USING HOPELESS ENDEAVOR THAT CAN NEVER BE REWARDED. INCIDENTALLY, CALLING PEOPLE WHO USE USELESS ENDEAVOR "SAKAZUKI MEN" GOT IT'S ORIGIN FROM THIS. —FROM "HISTORY OF THE WORLD'S CRUEL PUNISHMENTS", TAIKOUBOU BOOKS

SHOUTAOBEI...A PUNISHMENT METHOD WHICH OCCURRED AT KOUNAN TEMPLE, WHICH IS KNOWN FOR STRICT LAWS IN WORLD OF ANCIENT CHINESE KENPOU. ORIGINALLY, IT WAS A TRAINING METHOD INVOLVING FIGHTING WHILE HOLDING ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD A CUP FILLED WITH SULFURIC ACID, MAINTAINING A SENSE OF BALANCE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CONQUERING YOUR FEAR. THIS TRANSFORMED INTO A VARIETY OF TORTURE BY SERVING POISON TO AN OPPONENT AND FIGHTING SO THEY CAN TAKE THE ANTIDOTE ON TOP OF THEIR HEAD.

KOKURENJU OUGI: HEISHI JIZAISEN!!

"HEISHI JIZAISEN" = "DEFEATED GIFT AT WILL HARPOON"

WH...WHAT IS...THAT!! IT'S CHANGING AS IF IT'S A LIVING THING---!!

A... AKA SHI ----!!

!!

BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE WORRIED: WITH THE SENSE OF BALANCE I'VE OBTAINED WITH MY TRAINING, IT WON'T FALL THAT EASILY.
FU: YOU'RE ANXIOUS ABOUT THE GLASS ON MY HEAD.

HOO, THAT'S A GREAT THING. YOU CAN COMPLETELY SEE THE MOVEMENTS OF THIS JIZAISEN.
O-TOTTO!
PULL IT STRONGER LIKE THIS .....
ARE YOU FINE WITH THAT ACTION?
BUT YOU STILL DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION.

FUFFUFFU: RIGHT, THAT'S FINE. DO YOU FINALLY UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF SHOUTAOBEI?

AAH!! IT'S... FALLING!

THE GLASS ON HIS HEAD FI...FILLED WITH THE ANTIDOTE---!!

IT SEEMS THAT THE POISON HAS STARTED TO CIRCULATE AS WELL. YOUR BREATHING IS DISTURBED.
FUFUFU: WITH THAT, YOUR DEATH IS QUICKLY BECOMING CERTAIN.

BUT FOR A MAN OF YOUR EXTENT! I'LL END THIS BY CHOPPING YOU UP WITH THIS JIZAISEN ----!!

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WH... WHAT ---!!
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AKASHI-SENPAI WON'T LOSE.
MO... MOMO, C...CAN'T WE DO SOME-THING ---!!
N...NO!! IKASHI'S GETTING KILLED ---!
WAHHAHAHA. YOUR EYES ARE GETTING HAZY AND EVEN MOVE-MENT IS BEYOND YOUR CONTROL DUE TO THE POISON!!

HE'S LIVELY IN A FATAL SITUATION! I'M SURE HE CERTAINLY HAS SOME SECRET PLAN!!
HE'S A PROUD MAN. HE HIMSELF WOULD CHOOSE TO DIE IF HE CAME TO NOT WIN AS SAID BY THAT TRASH.

IT'S ATONEMENT WILL BE FULLY DONE.
THE CRIME OF DISGRACING A DUEL OF MEN IS HEAVY .....!!

THAT'S NOT UNREASONABLE: WITH YOUR WOUNDS AND THE POISON CIRCULATING YOUR ENTIRE BODY, EVEN STANDING TAKES ALL YOUR MIGHT.
FUFUFU: WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU GIVING UP EVEN AVOIDING THIS ALREADY?

HUH!!

WH...WHAT!! WHAT IS HE INTENDING: HE SET UP HIS SCABBARD WITH-OUT HIS SWORD BLADE!
DO YOU THINK THAT THING IS A WEAPON YOU CAN USE ON ME?
FU: WHAT'S ACTION
NUU UU ---
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HUH!?

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